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Neighborhood Notes

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BOWNE BUDGET.

Nov. 29—There is a show holding
forth at Bowne Center. He is selling a
catarrh cure and giving an entertain-
ment besides. Admittance 5c. It is a
fine troop for 5c.Born to Sydney McNaughton and
wife Nov. 15, an 8 lb girl.Rev. Mr. Westbrook is under the doc-
tor's care. He is suffering with neu-
ralgia in side. His limb is a trifle bet-
ter.Robt Johnson has started to dig the
cellar for his new barn. He is going to
build in spring. Lewis Lite has the
carpenter work. They commenced
getting out the timber Monday morn-
ing.Eddie Johnson of Middleville has
been visiting Harry Johnson the past
week and taking in the big show.Wm. Headworth, a former resident
of this place, started for the Klondike
Monday. He has secured a job of run-
ning an ice engine at \$50 per month
and expenses.Miss Maude Cliff of Bay City is vi-
siting her cousin, Miss Katie Johnson.The Lowell district council will be
held at Alto next Thursday. Let every
farmer turn out.Robt Johnson has three fine young
horses for sale.

BOWEN'S MILLS.

J. W. Briggs is no better than when
we wrote last, but we are hopeful he
may recover.Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hunt of Alameda,
Cal., are guests of their parents, Mr.
and Mrs. Wm. Hunt.Mrs. Annette DuMaresq is spending
the winter with her sister in Kalamazoo.Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Crispe are turkey
in Grand Rapids and enjoyed the "Prison-
er of Zenda," Thursday, guests of
Mrs. Kate Greene.A. C. Hunt and wife were entertained
at E. R. Conrad's, Otsego, Thanksgiving.Guy Buck, a former resident here,
was married in Union City last week.Miss Bessie Williamson, whose home
is here but who has been residing near
Richland, came home last week, and a
gentleman from those parts, whose
name we did not learn, came and they
were married Monday evening at the
home of the bride's father in the pre-
sence of invited guests. May they have
a pleasant voyage through the journey
of life.Last Saturday morning about five
o'clock as we were making our way with
lantern and milk pails to the barn, we
saw in the east some building afore but
could not locate it. Later in the day
we learned that Mr. VanAlstine's large
red barn had burned to the ground.
Have not learned particulars.Charles Minar and wife of Irving vi-
sited at the former's father's, Sunday.Thanksgiving dance at Smith's hall
was well attended and everybody had a
good time.I. N. Hubbard's well-known station
died last week and Newt's friends will
all single a tear with his sympathy.Mr. Corning of Bay City, after 20
years absence, is visiting at C. M. Bixler's.
He came into this town with Mr.
Bixler twenty years ago.Wedding bells have again rung. This
time one of our estimable young ladies,
Miss Mariah Stewart, was wedded to a
gentleman from Defiance, Ohio, last
Thursday. Saturday the wedded couple
started on their wedding tour, to bring
up in their home in Ohio. May joy,
peace and happiness go with them
through this journey of life.

DORR DOTS.

Loren D. Earl has been appointed
agent at this station.George Trux has rented his farm
and moved to Wayland.N. C. Thomas and wife were in Mid-
dleville Tuesday.W. E. Mills was hooked by a cow last
week about an inch below the right eye
inflicting a painful wound.Wires were strung to this village
Tuesday for the new telephone line.
E. S. Buford will have the office at
this village. At Moline Bates and Gil-
bert will have it. The rate to Grand
Rapids will be 15 cents and Kalamazoo
20 cents.

EAST CALEDONIA.

Nov. 29—Mrs. C. E. Edgecomb and
grandson, Lawrence, of Grand Rapids
spent last Thursday and Friday with
her niece, Clara Brown.The Ladies' Aid will hold an all day
social, Wednesday, Dec. 8, at the home
of Mrs. Ren Baker. A cordial invita-
tion is extended to all.Homer Smith and family of Sparta
have recently moved into John Proctor's
tenement house.Revival meetings are being held here.
Mr. Close, who has made his home
with Vasco Vincent for the past year,
died there Thursday, Nov. 25; cause of
death, insanity. His remains were
taken to Plainfield for interment by the
side of his wife.Ina Strait spent last Sunday with her
parents.Miss Edna Rathbun spent the latter
part of last week with her parents.The defeated side of the Epworth
League furnished an elaborate supper
of onion soup and doughnuts (fried in
corn's oil) for the winning side Thank-
sgiving evening. Nevertheless all en-
joyed this very much, as it was some-
thing new and that's what some of us
want.

IRVING INKLINGS.

League next Sunday evening will be
led by Mrs. Emma Williams. Subject,
"The Divine Panoply." Eph. iv:11-13.
Everyone welcome.The Ladies' Aid society of the M. E.
church will meet with Mrs. L. A.
Avery Friday, Dec. 3.The first entertainment given by the
Epworth League will be a lecture Fri-
day evening, Dec. 10, by Mr. Potts of
Detroit.The young men will give their social
Thursday evening, Dec. 9, in the par-
lors of Cong'l church. Just bear in
mind that all they ask of the ladies is
that they attend, as they are to serve
the supper, furnish program, etc. Come
and see how well they can do. Oyster
supper will be served for 15c each or 25c
a couple.Miss Allie Betts spent Sunday at
home.The debate was well attended last
Wednesday evening. The judges de-
cided in favor of the negative. The
subject for next week is "Woman suf-
frage," with Achsa Blanchard and Mr.
Cushing as chiefs.Mr. and Mrs. Crouch of Augusta vi-
sited friends here last week.Mr. and Mrs. B. Brooks of Nashville
and Mrs. Lewis Higbee of Pottsville
attended the Chase-Wilcox wedding
last week.The regular monthly exercises of the
school were furnished by the sixth
grade last Friday afternoon. A large
number of the parents were present and
the class did great credit to themselves
and the teacher.Married, Thursday, Nov. 25, by Rev.
Duane Freeman at the residence of the
bride's father, Mr. W. L. Chase and
Miss Mable Wilcox. A number of the
relatives and friends of the bride and
groom were present. The numerous
presents received were as useful as they
were beautiful. The home of the bride
has ever been here and Mr. Chase was
teacher of our school for over a year.
They have many friends who will be
glad that they are to remain in our
midst.The marriage of Miss Amanda Poff
and Fred A. Stowell took place at the
home of the bride's parents, Wednes-
day, Nov. 24, at high noon, and was
witnessed by a large number of the re-
latives of both sides, sixty-five in all.
Rev. D. Freeman officiated. The bride
was dressed in brown henrietta trimmed
with velvet the same shade and finished
with white chiffon and braid. She car-
ried and wore white chrysanthemums.
The groom wore the conventional
black. The bride was attended by Miss
Bessie Watkins and Frank Rogers
acted as groomsmen. This young
couple have grown up among us and
will be greatly missed when they leave
us for their home in Hastings, which
they expect to do at once. The pres-
ents received were as follows: A full
decorated dinner set, Mrs. Edith
Stowell, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Stowell,
Perry Stowell, D. Stowell, Woodland;
set silver knives and forks, H. Stowell,
Reed City; rocking chair, Mr. and Mrs.
C. B. Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. D.
Mathews, Vira and India Mathews; set
of plates, cups and saucers, Mr. and
Mrs. A. Mathews, Jesse Altoft; center
table, Mr. and Mrs. Tobias, Mr. and
Mrs. Herney, Hastings; decorated
chamber set, Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Cross,
Mr. and Mrs. J. Curtis, Mr. and Mrs.
J. H. Dunning; berry dish and sauce
dishes, Mr. and Mrs. Del Wilcox; silver
sugar spoon, Frank Rogers and Bessie
Watkins; table cloth, Mrs. Charles Mc-
Cann; clock, John Poff, South Bend,
Ind.; china salad dish, Grace Poff,
South Bend, Ind.; silver cream spoon,
Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gillett, Joliet, Ill.;
berry spoon, W. L. Watkins, Jennie
Wilcox; silver salt and pepper shaker,
L. Wilcox, Vera Greenleaf; pair of
towels, Mr. and Mrs. John Osborn; quilt
and tidy, Mrs. Mary Williams; teapot,
Mr. and Mrs. Bud Kelley; salt and pep-
per shaker, Abbie McCann; pair of tow-
els, L. Watkins; pie dish, Gertrude
Herney, Hastings; toothpick holder,
Fred Hall; sugar creamer and spoon-
holder, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilcox.HOW TO CURE BILIOUS COLIC.
I suffered for weeks with colic and
pains in my stomach caused by bilious-
ness and had to take medicine all the
while until I used Chamberlain's Colic,
Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy which
cured me. I have since recommended
it to a good many people. Mrs. F.
BUTLER, Fairhaven, Conn. Persons
who are subject to bilious colic can
ward off the attack by taking this reme-
dy as soon as the first symptoms ap-
pear. Sold by J. W. Armstrong, drug-
gist. 44-4Willie French of Nashville was
nearly beheaded by the discharge of
both barrels of a double barreled shot-
gun in his own hands while climbing a
fence on Friday, Nov. 19. Deceased
was 15 years of age and a bright pupil
in the 10th grade.THE DISCOVERY OF THE DAY.
Aug. J. Bogel, the leading druggist
of Shreveport, La., says: "Dr. King's
New Discovery is the only thing that
cures my cough, and it is the best seller
I have." J. F. Campbell, merchant of
Safford, Ariz., writes: "Dr. King's New
Discovery is all that is claimed for it;
it never fails, and is a sure cure for
Consumption, Coughs and Colds. I
cannot say enough for its merits." Dr.
King's New Discovery for Consumption,
Coughs and Colds is not an experiment.
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tury, and today stands at the head of
never-disappoints. Free trial bottles
at Dr. Nelson Abbott's drug store.

COFFEE DRUNKARDS.

Some Interesting Facts From a Berlin
Physician Regarding Coffee Drinking.Coffee drunkenness is one of the lat-
est dangers which doctors abroad are
raising their voices against. Dr. Men-
del of Berlin has published a clinical
study, which is the most thorough yet
made, as he had a community of coffee
drinkers under his constant observation,
the working women in and about Essen.
He found many of these women con-
sumed over a pound of coffee a week.
The leading symptoms of the ills that
afflicted them were profound depression
of spirits and frequent headaches, with
insomnia. A strong dose of coffee
would relieve them for a time, then the
ailment would return. The muscles
became weak and trembling, and the
hands trembled when at rest. The vic-
tims suffered so seriously they dared
not abandon the drinking of coffee for
fear of death.These symptoms appear in thousands
of people in a less degree, simply be-
cause they use a less amount of the
drug, but steady use day by day gradu-
ally piles up a very serious account
which must be settled with the nervous
system. Various disorders appear as a
result of daily interference with the di-
gestion and proper action of the nerves:
paralysis, apoplexy, heart failure and
other complications equally serious.
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fering from the coffee habit and yet dis-
like to breakfast without coffee.
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made from the cereals by scientific
processes it furnishes the elements
needed to rebuild the gray matter in
the nerve centers, where imported cof-
fee tends toward their destruction.There is but one original genuine
Postum Cereal Food Coffee with hun-
dreds of imitations sold as "just as
good."Serve Postum hot. Boil it 15 minutes
and see that enough is in the pot to
make a deep, rich, black coffee, adding
pure cream (not skim milk). This
makes a delicious beverage.

PARMELEE PICKINGS.

The "beautiful snow" has finally got
here and some of the people are feeling
better, while others were hoping for a
few days more of fine weather in which
to finish their corn husking.The Middleville SUN arrived in Parme-
lee last Thursday, one day ahead of
the usual time. No fault to find.Oscar Sherk and wife of Harris Creek
enjoyed Thanksgiving with friends in
this vicinity.James Donovan of Caledonia spent
Sunday last with John Moxon's people
on Grand Rapids street.A son of the average weight (10 lbs)
has arrived at the home of Corwin
Scott on Howard street. We hear that
Mason Cline (the grandfather in the
case) went immediately to Watson's store
and bought a pair of spectacles.Frank Stinson and wife spent last
Sunday with Geo. Haight's people in
East Thornapple.Mrs. Lewis Henderson of Leighton,
who is visiting at present in Kalamazoo
Co., will on her return make her home
with Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Skinner, east
of Parmelee.Despite the good examples, the ad-
monitions and the Sunday laws, there
is any amount of trading and trafficking
going on in Parmelee on the 7th day
of the week, which, by the way, is none of
our business. P. S.—The dealing is
principally among the farmers.The Talmage, sermon of last Sunday
didn't suit all the people here. 'Twas
a hard "bitter" for some. We haven't
let one of them pass by unnoticed for 17
years.Pierre Stinson is running the ex-
change factory night and day in oppo-
sition to the "old maker," Ernie White.
All styles made to order in either shop
and the price made by the purchaser.Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Buok, formerly of
this place, will return from Arkansas
next Saturday, where they have been
visiting their parents for some time
past.Almond Pender of your village is
driving a well on "Zion's hill" today
(Monday) for George Burch.Dilman Benjamin is baling straw for
John Kepke at present on the Fruit
White farm, Windmill street.Fred Smith, the "good worker," will
make his home the coming winter with
Freemont Joels.Mr. Buok, who was stricken with
paralysis a short time since, is improv-
ing and will be around again soon, it is
hoped.Thomas Tungate had the misfortune
to lose his favorite horse, "Frank," a
few days since.O. A. Carpenter's people enjoyed
Thanksgiving at the home of J. L.
Broughton in your village.Willis Wood was in Baltimore Sat-
urday.Miss Minnie Jenkins of your village
enjoyed herself with friends in Parme-
lee Saturday and Sunday.

Correspondence Continued on Supplement

ROBBED THE GRAVE.

A startling incident of which Mr.
John Oliver of Philadelphia was the
subject is narrated by him as follows:
"I was in a most dreadful condition.
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sunk, tongue coated, pain continually
in back and sides, no appetite—grad-
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robbed the grave of another victim."
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bott's drug store.

THE MIDDLEVILLE SUN

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WARRING IN AFRICA.

COLLISION BETWEEN BRITISH AND FRENCH TROOPS.

Lagos Boundary Trouble May Now Be Definitely Settled by a Resort to Arms—The Descent of Coffee Prices—Indiana Town Wrecked.

Niger Country in Dispute.

While the accuracy of the statement contained in the Rome dispatch to the *Frankfurt Zeitung*, announcing that a conflict had taken place between the French and British troops in the Lagos Hinterland, is doubted, the London morning papers pointed out the imminent danger resulting from the proximity of the two forces in the contested territory. Later in the day a rumor was received at the British colonial office to the effect that there had been a collision between the British and French forces at Nikki, which is said to have been captured by the French troops. The officials of the colonial office, however, regard this report as highly improbable, as, they explain, the British police in the Hinterland, who are in very limited numbers, had strict orders to avoid any collision with the French. It is also understood that the French forces had been instructed not to come in conflict with the British. The British forces in the Hinterland, it is further stated, are being re-enforced considerably.

NITRO-GLYCERINE EXPLODES.

Chesterfield, Ind., Is Wrecked in an Instant—No One Killed.

Chesterfield, Ind., was almost wiped off the map by the explosion of eighty quarts of nitro-glycerine, which had been brought overland from Montpelier and placed in an open field, a half mile from the town. Marcella Mansey and Sam Maguire were working at a gas well near by when the explosion occurred. Mansey was thrown fifty feet, but not fatally injured. Maguire was also thrown 100 feet in the air and badly lacerated, but will recover. The little town of Chesterfield is a mass of ruins. At Dalesville, two miles away, and at Yorktown, five miles distant, the damage was almost as great. The jar of the explosion was felt for fifteen miles in all directions. The explosion was spontaneous. Though many were hurt, no person was killed.

COFFEE AS A CHEAP DRINK.

War Between Arabuckles and the Sugar Trust Ours Prices Down.

Coffee was never so cheap in the United States as it is now. This is due to the fight between Arabuckles Bros. and the sugar trust. In one year the Arabuckles brand, which is taken as the basis, has declined in price from 18 to 9 cents a pound. The No. 7 green coffee, which last year sold at 9 1/2 cents, now brings 6 1/2 cents. Enormous crops in Brazil and elsewhere will, it is thought, bring a further decline.

Fearful Death of a Woman.

The wife of Antonio Milagros died at Erie, Pa. Antonio was drunk, and went to the cellar to get more liquor. He fell and his wife came to his assistance with a lamp, but he threw a hammer at her head and missed the mark. He then came upstairs with a can of oil and tar, which he threw in his wife's face. In an instant the mixture caught fire and the lamp and she was enveloped in flames.

Absconder Gives Himself Up.

Donald McClelland, 23 years old, of Westchester, N. Y., who absconded with \$2,500 belonging to the Bank of the Borough of Bronx, has been arrested. He sent telegrams to his mother and to the Westchester police stating that he was on his way from Chicago to New York to surrender himself. He had spent \$108, but the balance of the \$2,500 was found on him.

Explore Toward the South Pole.

Dr. Razonitz of the Belgica Antarctic exploring party has arrived at Punta Arenas, Brazil, where he is arranging for the arrival of the expedition. He states that the object of the expedition is not to reach the pole, but to reach the open sea discovered three years ago by the whaler Jason, off the coast of Victoria Land.

Fear He Has Been Murdered.

Col. George A. Butte, a prominent mining man of Telluride, Colo., is missing and his friends believe that he has been murdered, as he had a large sum of money when he left that camp. He visited a friend in Denver Aug. 24, and so far as is known none of his friends has seen or heard from him since that time.

Poured Acid on Her Hands.

Two footpads stopped Mrs. Richard A. House, wife of a Chicago and Alton engineer, at an outlying point near Kansas City and robbed her of \$50. Mrs. House made a show of resistance, when one of the men poured the contents of a bottle of sulphuric acid on her hands. The men escaped unidentified.

Edmonds Says He Killed Haley.

Edmonds, the alleged Youngstown, O., murderer, has admitted to the physicians that he killed Conductor Haley. Edmonds at times says God told him to shoot Haley and again he says the devil commanded him. Insanity is the defense.

To Control Coal Market.

The Vanderbilts have bought nearly half a million acres of coal and timber land in West Virginia. The object, it is said, is to control the coal market.

Big Crops of Kansas.

Kansas produced this year in crop value a grand total of \$233,410,143. This is more than 21 per cent increase over last year.

Blowing Up the Palisades.

Officials of New Jersey are about to take steps to prevent the continued destruction of the Palisades. For months several quarry firms have been blasting rock to which they were not entitled. A law has been found which will show, it is thought, that these men are spoliators.

Can You Write on Tobacco?

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THEIR SALARY IS EXEMPT.

Postmasters' Compensation Cannot Be Taxed by State or Municipality.

The issue as to whether a State or municipality can levy an income tax on the salary or compensation of a postmaster, a subject of broad interest to the Federal service generally, was decided in an opinion rendered by Acting Assistant Attorney General Harrison J. Barrett for the Postoffice Department at Washington. The case arose on an inquiry from the postmaster at Gastonia, N. C. It held that a State has no authority to tax the emoluments paid to any officers or agents which the United States may use and employ as necessary and proper means to execute its sovereign power. Mr. Barrett says: "The Government of the United States is supreme within its sphere of action and any act of State or municipality which attempts to tax the emoluments paid to the officers of the Government is unconstitutional and void. If the power existed in a State to tax the officers or agents of the Government it could thereby impair the power of the United States in the execution of its sovereignty."

OUR INDIAN SCHOOLS.

Dr. W. N. Hallmann Praises the Influence of Returning Students.

Some interesting data as to the educational aspect of the Indian problem is given in the annual report of Dr. W. N. Hallmann, superintendent of the Indian schools, which has just been made public at Washington. The subject of students going back to their tribes after school life is taken up, and Supt. Hallmann says he is still collecting data bearing on this phase of the problem; but the information already obtained justifies the statement that the severe criticisms made of both the Indians and schools on this score if at all justifiable are so only in a limited degree. Wherever on reservations there has been marked progress in civilization it is traceable largely to the returned students.

MILES WANTS A BIG ARMY.

Urges the Addition of 10,000 Men and Asks \$15,518,500 for Coast Defenses.

Gen. Miles has made his recommendations to Secretary Alger at Washington. In order to prevent war and insure peace Gen. Miles asks \$15,518,500 for coast defenses; he urges the addition of 10,000 men to the army, would give the President power to increase the standing army to 70,000, and asks for five more regiments of infantry at once and two of artillery. Secretary Alger favors nearly all these recommendations. Gen. Miles also asks that troops be sent to Alaska.

Bradstreet's Favorable Report.

Bradstreet's says: "There is a moderate improvement in staple prices and in the distribution of woolen goods, shoes, hats and hardware in the region tributary to Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City and Omaha. Colder weather northwest and in the central Mississippi and Missouri river valleys has helped retail trading. Manufacturers of iron, steel, agricultural implements, railway cars and woollens report an active demand and large output. Higher prices are recorded for wheat, corn, oats, sirups, hides, leather, shoes and turpentine. The reaction in iron and steel is likely to be followed by an advance if the present rate of consumption continues. Lower prices for wheat flour and pork are expected to recognize the advances on wheat and Indian corn, so that a lower price for copper is practically the only important decline in the week. Wheat exports show a heavy increase alike over last week and last year, and with one exception, that of the second week in September, make the largest single week's total on record. The total exports of wheat (flour included as wheat) from both coasts of the United States and from Montreal this week aggregate 6,653,792 bushels, against 5,445,542 last week and 3,337,000 a year ago. The total exports in the second week of September, 1891, were 6,974,000 bushels. Corn exports also show a gain, aggregating 3,207,790 bushels for the week, against 2,975,721 last year. There are 235 business failures reported throughout the United States this week, compared with 273 last week and 308 a year ago."

Blanco's Hopeless Task.

The policy of the new Government is enraging the Spaniards in Cuba. Marshal Blanco's merciful program is denounced, and shouts for Weyler and revenge are frequently heard. On the other hand, the insurgents are just as bitter and irreconcilable. Autonomy is scoffed at and will not be accepted. It is said that Blanco is disheartened at the outlook, as he has discovered there is no chance for pacification of the island under the plans formulated by the Sagasta ministry. Reports from Matanzas say that the conservatives, having become enraged at the change in the Government's policy, are disturbing public order. Ex-Mayor Crespo initiated the disorderly conduct by publicly giving offense to Senor Armas, the new civil governor of the province. The chief of police followed Senor Crespo's lead by endeavoring to prevent aid being given to the suffering reconcentrados by newspaper correspondents and others. Of the reconcentrados in Matanzas, numbering more than 50,000, seventy-nine died in two days, thirty-seven perishing from hunger.

Emperor William's Threat.

A dispatch to the London Daily Chronicle from Christiana, with reference to the political conflict between Norway and Sweden as to the relative rights of the two parts of the composite monarchy, says: "A prominent Swedish politician attributes to Emperor William the following statement: 'If the Norwegians seek to accomplish their ends I will crush Norway as I have already crushed Greece.'"

Ohio Farmer Fatally Wounded.

William Horan shot and fatally wounded Allen Griffy in a street quarrel at Goshen, O. Horan surrendered himself. He says Griffy had threatened to kill him and was out hunting for him when they met. Both are farmers and Griffy was wealthy.

Pitcher Turns Preacher.

Following in the footsteps of "Billy" Sunday, another professional baseball player has turned evangelist. The latest acquisition to the ranks of the teachers of scripture is Edward M. Lewis, one of the pitchers of the Boston Baseball club.

Steers Roast in a Car.

Sixteen head of cattle were roasted alive in a Santa Fe cattle car at Wakarusa station, Kansas. The belching of the tortured beasts could be heard for miles.

Schuykill Colliery Is Given Up.

Schuykill colliery, a familiar landmark of the Mahanoy valley, which has been in operation since 1863, has been abandoned.

FIND THE MURDERER.

IT IS CLAIMED THAT CLAYTON'S ASSASSIN IS KNOWN.

He Is a Prisoner in the Georgia Penitentiary—Guard Holds His Information for a Reward—The United States Makes a Spying Concession.

He Killed John M. Clayton.

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FAITHFUL RECOUNTING OF HER LATEST NEWS.

Culture of Sugar Beets Around Port Huron—An Important Tax Decision—Old Man Burned to Death—Shot His Father—Killed by Mistake.

Better Than Expected.
Secretary Fred W. Sherman of the Port Huron Beet Sugar Co., has received a report from the State analyst, Prof. R. C. Kozie, of the Agricultural College, giving the result of an analysis of samples of sugar beets grown in that section. Of thirty samples which were submitted, grown in different sections of the county, an average percentage of sugar of 17.01 was secured, and a percentage of purity of 83.9. In several instances where the data was kept, patches showed a yield of twenty-five to twenty-eight tons per acre. With the percentage of sugar contained in the beets disclosed in the analysis they would have brought \$5.07 per ton at the factory.

An Important Decision.
Judge Sharpe filed an opinion in Circuit Court at West Branch in the case of Geo. N. Hauptman, and David N. Wright vs. the township of Horton et al., to set aside certain taxes assessed on complainants' lands for certain reasons assigned, one of which was that the Board of Equalization neglected to meet on the first of the two days prescribed by law that they shall meet, and on which day complainants' agents endeavored to be heard before the board. The board did meet on the second day. Judge Sharpe holds that, while the failure of the board to meet on the first day might have caused the complainants considerable inconvenience, it did not deprive them of their constitutional right to be heard, and that they should have presented themselves on the second day, unless informed that no meeting of the board would be held, and holding the taxes valid for that reason.

Shot His Father.
Henry Kammerer shot and killed his 70-year-old father, John Kammerer, at their home nine miles from Benton Harbor. The two men had an altercation over the plowing of some ground, and the son threw a stone at his father, who resented it. They went to the house, and without warning, the son picked up a 38-caliber repeating rifle and fired at his father, striking him just above the heart. The old man started to escape, and another bullet struck him in the stomach. He fell and the son, supposing he had killed him, stepped into a shed and shot himself. The shot did not prove fatal, and, seeing his father rise, he fired another shot at him, then, turning to the shed, he took down a shotgun, and, after setting fire to the shed, blew his brains out by discharging both barrels.

Killed the Fireman.
The boiler in Milton Artley's large wood working factory at Carleton exploded, killing the fireman, Edward Craft, and injuring Fred Artley, son of the owner, Otis and Cyrus Burroughs. The force of the explosion shook every building in town and left the factory almost a total wreck. The cause of the explosion is unknown.

Did He Kill Himself?
Dell C. Slaght of Flint, secretary of the Michigan Knights of the Grip, and for many years a traveling salesman, was discovered in an unconscious condition, lying on a lounge in the Elks lodge room the other morning. The gas had been turned on full head. Slaght died. There is much mystery surrounding the case.

Louis Smoked in Bed.
Louis Bell, a Frenchman, aged 82, was burned to death in his bedroom, 94 Greenwood avenue, Detroit. He occupied a little bedroom upstairs, isolated from the other rooms. He had a habit of smoking in bed, and it is supposed that his pipe-light set fire to the bed clothes.

Burned to Death.
Michael Kennedy, a widower aged 85 years, living alone in Caledonia township, was found dead in his burning shanty. The shanty burned to the ground. The supposition is that the shanty caught fire from the old man making too big a fire in the stove.

Met a Cowboy's Fate.
John Burgess, aged 19, shot and killed George Hart at Meridian, Hart, who was engaged to marry Burgess' sister, disguised himself as a cowboy and tried to frighten Burgess, who became angry and killed the supposed tramp.

Minor State Matters.
The Ithaca opera house is being rebuilt into a business block and the town will have no play house.
The wife of Supervisor Oscar Utley of Vienna fell, breaking two ribs and receiving several bruises.

Bay City's beet sugar factory will undoubtedly be built the ensuing winter, and be ready for next year's crop of beets.
The Eastern Genesee Teachers' Association has elected J. Russell president for 1908, and will meet at Goodrich next year.

Tommy Scott, a young son of Fred Scott of Port Huron, was run down by a team while wheeling and seriously injured.
Rev. James M. Provan of Shelby will probably accept the unanimous call extended him by the Buchanan Presbyterian Church.

Peter Peterson of St. Joseph, who attempted to murder his sweetheart, Miss Eliza Harris, July 4, was sentenced to eight years in prison.

The Escanaba street railway has shut up shop and quit being anything but a right of way. Cause—the owners are tired of losing money.

The stock of the Jennings dry goods establishment at Lapeer has been sold to C. J. Gudworth of Armada. Mr. Jennings had been in business for forty years.

Adler Franks, a farmer living five miles out of Port Huron, was instantly killed in a runaway accident.

Hillsdale is to have a new industry in the shape of an aluminum comb factory. Fred Hayden, alias James Hayden, was sentenced at Howell to ninety days in the Detroit house of correction for an assault on Postmaster Brown of Brighton.

Three large wildcats were killed near Alger last week. There were four together, but one got away. They were very large and fierce. They bring a bounty of \$5 each.

Elmer Elmer is to have a new hotel, and Columbia wants one.

Ottawa County has a factory which turns out wooden shoes.

Geo. D. Bradford has been appointed deputy collector at Alpena.

Frank G. Hatzwell has been appointed road foreman of the F. & P. M.

Samuel Cook paid a \$10 fine at Port Huron for selling fake spectacles.

Potato dealers at Cadillac have paid out \$53,000 to farmers so far this season.

Benjamin Herrington of Lakeside was killed by a train as he lay asleep on the track.

The State Horticultural Society will hold a meeting at Ithaca on Dec. 1, 2 and 3.

Christian Baumann of Muskegon took a dose of paris green with suicidal intent and died.

The electric lighting plant at the U. of M., which cost \$20,000, is practically completed.

The drug store of A. W. Fenton & Son, at Bailey, was robbed by burglars for the sixth time.

Five mines at Iron Mountain announce an increase of 10 per cent in wages, in effect Dec. 1.

Pinecones is without banking facilities since the fire which occurred there some weeks ago.

Alpena's commercial fishermen will obey the law making a close season from Nov. 1 to Dec. 15.

Armada councilmen have changed the bicycle ordinance of that village four times in six months.

Hesperia has already raised \$9,000 for the new electric railway which is to run between there and Hart.

F. C. Sturgis of Grand Rapids had his hand, which was covered with wood alcohol burned to a crisp.

Mrs. Minnie Ackerman is suing Owosso for \$2,000 damages for injuries received from a defective sidewalk.

Belding firemen have tired of working for nothing, and will ask the village council to pay them a yearly salary.

John Mulder, a 17-year-old Grand Rapids newsboy, was accidentally shot and killed while handling a sparrow gun.

John W. Harris, a resident of Battle Creek for thirty years and a painter by trade, committed suicide at Cincinnati.

James Cushman, who stole overcoats from Bay City hotels, will spend ninety days at the Detroit house of correction.

Emma Dickinson, the 6-year-old Owosso girl who was abducted by Albert Peterson, has been located near Whitmore Lake.

Daniel Button, an eccentric farmer living near Okemos, was robbed of \$150 by two boys. The lads made good their escape.

Eugene La Rose of Essexville fell from the tower of St. John's Church while hunting sparrows and three ribs were broken.

Albert Haven, aged 50 years, a farmer living near Grass Lake, committed suicide by hanging. No cause is known for his act.

Adelbert Fairchild and Frank Santee of Charlotte settled a little difficulty with bare fists in a 45-minute fight. Both were badly punished.

An unknown man was found floating in the Rifle river at the old D. & M. bridge at Prescott. He had apparently been in the water some time.

Fifty thousand bushels of potatoes have been shipped from Manton so far this season. More than this quantity has been shipped from Greenville.

A year ago Druggist F. A. Teppoort of Bay City accidentally swallowed a dime. The coin gave him no trouble until when he coughed it up.

The Ladies' Guild of Grace Episcopal Church at Holland, known for its skill in making fancy articles, has received a large order from Paris, France.

The late Alexander Sayers of Holton was the father of fourteen children. Three of his sons went into the army with him, and one died in the service.

A woman clerk who worked for Osburn & Sons of Owosso, twenty years ago, has just returned five cents which she appropriated while working for the firm.

Adrian Common Council is after the officials of the Detroit and Lima Northern Railroad because the latter are not fulfilling agreements relative to crossings.

The Christy family of St. Clair includes three brothers, aged respectively: Andrew, 81; Henry, 84; Samuel, 86, and one sister, Mary Ann, 76. Henry alone has married.

Several hundred skilled miners could get work in the Marquette range mines at once. There is still an adequate supply of day laborers. The same state of affairs exists on the Menominee and Gogebic ranges.

It is told of a farmer in Ionia County, who used green willow for corner posts for his barn, that the posts have taken root and grown, and that the building is considerably higher than it was. Some limbs have also come out for him to hang his harness on.

Pastor A. F. Nagler and the official boards of the Bellevue Methodist Episcopal Church have suspended the Epworth League from any connection with the church for three months for conduct alleged to be prejudicial to the best interests of the church.

PRESIDENT HAS CARE

NO EASY TASK TO BE THE HEAD OF THIS REPUBLIC.

For Four Years Our Chief Executive Is the Greatest Burden Bearer of the Nation—Must Suppress All Personal Inclination and Assume Dignity.

Troubles of His Own.
Washington correspondence:

TO be a President of the United States is by no means an easy task, and there is probably no man in the vast republic who carries such a load of care as the chief executive of the nation. From January till the time of his election in November he has to endure a physical and mental strain that would wreck the constitution of most men, and he emerges from the struggle bearing not only the palm of victory but also the thousand and one weighty details which are pressed upon him as the presumptive occupant of the executive mansion. From the time of his election till the morning of his inauguration he is the most watched, the most sought, and the most worked man in the country. And the cares already borne are only an intimation of those that come after his inaugural address has been read and he has taken possession of the executive mansion.

Not the least of the things which require the attention of the new occupant of the executive mansion is the care which must be taken not to say or do anything that would not be in accordance with the dignity and traditions of the great office he is endeavoring to fill. As in great things so it is with innumerable small affairs. He must many times a day ask himself the question if this or that suggested action is in keeping with the dignity of the President of the United States. Personal impulses by the thousand must be suppressed. The man must to a great extent make himself over. Almost without exception every American who has occupied the presidential office has risen to it, risen in character and dignity and manner, no matter how much below it he was at the outset. It is an office which demands that a man shall sink himself and become almost another entity.

The wonder is that so many of our Presidents have retained their personal characteristics and habits, their naturalness and simplicity, while in office. All the tendency is in the other direction. Unconsciously to the man himself he is drawn out of himself. He ceases to be as his friends knew him, as he knew himself, as he takes on a new consciousness. He is "the President." This fact he is never permitted to forget. It follows him everywhere. It hobbles up impertinently at the simplest dinner in a country house as well as in a cabinet meeting at the executive mansion.

In monarchical countries sovereigns are reared. They are to the manner born. From infancy they are trained to be rulers. They approach gradually, step by step, the station which we thrust a man into almost without warning. It is a fact that the greatest, most stupendous transition which comes to any man in the world is to him whom the people of the United States take from his law office or his home or his modest official station and thrust into the presidential chair. A distinguished foreigner said not long ago: "It is amazing that you get as good Presidents as you do, and it is a remarkable thing that your public men are adaptable enough to rise so easily and naturally to the heights of your sovereignty. But they cannot be happy." This foreigner was right. Probably not one President in ten is happy while in office.

A Weight of Care.

As if this were not enough, our political system makes the President the center of party activity, of personal ambition and desire. Not only must all appointments be made theoretically by him as chief executive, but actually by him in person. Before making them he must see and talk with all the interested persons, no matter how great their number. If they come again and again, for the avowed purpose of "bringing the pressure of persistency," they must be seen and mollified. Crossroads politicians must have access to the ruler of the American people about seven-by-nine postoffices. The President must keep open house to all the Senators and Representatives in Congress, of whom there are something like 450, and the most of whom are professional office brokers. Through all this the President is expected to maintain his dignity and his equanimity, keep his patience untroubled and his sense of justice and of the fitness of things unwavering. During the whole four years of his administration he bears upon his shoulders the responsibilities and cares of the nation. In the case of most Presidents there is no cessation of toil. The cares of the chief executive are rarely dropped when he leaves the office. They accompany him to the social function, they are his constant companion as he attempts to enjoy a few days' outing, they are his most intimate associates even in his family circle, and they even follow him into his bed chamber and there minister to the discomforts of his slumber.

Americans are not always a considerate people, but it is doubtful if they ever had a better chance to see themselves as they really are than in the book which ex-President Benjamin Harrison has just published, in which he devotes a chapter to telling of his own experiences in the four years he passed in the White House. There seems to be no danger of the chief magistrate of the nation forgetting that he is, in the most literal sense of the word, a public servant, paid by the public for the public to enjoy at its leisure.

During the first three weeks of his term the President of these United States has a shake hands with not less than 40,000 of his fellow citizens. If any one has ever seen the Auditorium when 10,000 persons have been packed into it, and will multiply that number by four and contemplate shaking hands with all of them, he will form a notion of what infinite misadventures hand-shaking folk can make of themselves if you can only get enough of them together. Mr. Harrison records that every one who ever had to undergo the ordeal suffered acute physical torture until President Hayes discovered that if he reached forward and grasped the hand of an approaching "shaker" before the



"shaker" had a chance to grasp his and squeeze it to show his good will he could escape serious discomfort and all actual pain. President McKinley—the Ohio man is fertile in resource—has another way; he holds his hand level with his waist with the back of it up and in this attitude it is only possible to get a firm grip on the fingers, which does not hurt nearly as much as pinching the rest of the hand. But the handshaking lasts through the term, though not in such exorbitant quantities. It is not the only trouble. The letter writing fiend gets in his dreadful work—to the extent of some 800 letters a day. They ask all sorts of things, from an autograph for a log cabin quilt to the loan of money enough to buy a poor girl a piano. Then, if the President is not prompt to send them all they have requested, they write again to tell him what a mean man they have now learned he is. Private citizens take their turn with charitable and religious organizations in begging for money, and a woman in North Carolina telegraphed one morning: "I have six little children and they want to throw me out of the house. I have nowhere to go. I want protection." The autograph collector is numerously in evidence—scores of them every day of the 1,461 which make up a presidential term. A pile of cards and a bushel basket full of albums are the first things that greet a chief magistrate's satiated eyes every morning when he comes into his office. Then there is the man who wishes to have the opinion of the President of the United States on the best method of keeping calamine from coming off on the clothing, or the woman who has just discovered a new process for fried cakes or sally lunns, and is willing to involve the White House cook in her joys. Think of four years of that sort of thing!

IS CAPT. DREYFUS INNOCENT?

All Paris Excited Over a Story of Blackmail and Corruption.
The allegation that Alfred Dreyfus, former captain of French artillery, was falsely accused and convicted by a court martial of selling French military plans to the agents of a foreign government, continues to be widely discussed in Paris and throughout France. The presentation of the prisoner's case to the French



THE BARBARIC CAGE BUILT AROUND CAPTAIN DREYFUS' HUT.

Government, which caused the present agitation, reveals a romance with the "gang" of so-called "journalists" and stock jobbers who beset the late Max Lebaudy, the millionaire conscript. The plot, it would further seem, was conceived in 1893, when the wave of "Jew baiting" swept over Europe. Dreyfus is of Jewish extraction, and these jackals of Parisian society, casting about for funds, determined to "bleed this wealthy Jew." A beautiful adventuress, whose house was the resort of a number of French officers and foreign diplomats, is said to have acted as the go-between in these transactions.

By invitation Dreyfus was a frequent visitor to her house. In due course of time the plan for the mobilization of the French army, which had been drawn up in a handwriting which cleverly imitated that of Dreyfus, was produced and money was demanded for its surrender. Dreyfus, however, it is said, refused to pay the sum demanded, knowing that the purchase of the document would be an admission of his guilt and would furnish ground for future extortion, and being aware that the fact that he had been friendly toward the woman, who herself was a party to the plot, would be considered part of the strongest evidence of his guilt.

Friends of Dreyfus assert that the newspapers have constantly maintained a warfare against Dreyfus, even up to the present time, and that in consequence the prisoner's wife and family are obliged to keep secluded. Alfred Dreyfus is now enduring the most terrible punishment inflicted by a civilized nation upon a human being. Four years ago he was a rich, brilliant Parisian, a captain in the army, attached to the general staff. Suddenly he was arrested and without legal procedure condemned by a council of war to exile for life in French Guiana. He was charged with betraying French military plans to a foreign government, understood to be the German. The sole evidence against him was a brief note, alleged to have been found in the waste paper basket of the German embassy.

Although the trial of Dreyfus was absolutely secret, his condemnation was of the most public character conceivable. The unfortunate man was taken to the Champ de Mars, the largest parade ground in Paris, where 4,000 troops were drawn up in line. Dreyfus stood in the midst of them. After the judgment of the council of war had been read, a lieutenant took the sword of Dreyfus and broke it across his knee, and then cut the buttons, epaulettes and other marks of military rank from him. Then he was sent to his place of exile, the Devil's Island, off the coast of French Guiana, in South America. There yellow fever is permanent. On this island he is condemned to spend the rest of his life, watched day and night by three old soldiers, not one of whom may ever speak to him. Latterly his hut has been inclo-

ed in a large iron cage, in order that all possibility of escape may be removed. Compared to this the life imprisonment of an ordinary criminal is merciful. Dreyfus is certainly being tortured to death.

NOVAK IS FOUND GUILTY.

Jury Returns a Verdict of Murder in the Second Degree.
Frank Novak, on trial at Vinton, Iowa, for killing Edward Murray, has been found guilty of murder in the second degree. The jury returned its verdict recommending that his punishment be ten years in the penitentiary. Counsel for



FRANK NOVAK.

the prisoner said he regarded the verdict a great victory for the defense.

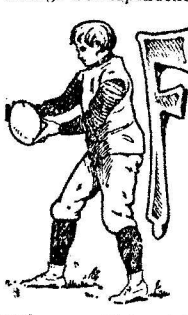
A serious mistake on the part of the State in the proceedings of the trial was discovered at the very last moment, and Novak's counsel fought persistently to prevent its rectification. After the evidence had been closed on both sides it was discovered that the county attorney had omitted to show that the village of Walford, Novak's home and where the tragedy occurred, was in Benton County. County Attorney Tobin requested a short stay in the regular proceedings of the trial until he could go upon the wit-

END OF THE SEASON.

BIG FOOTBALL GAMES HAVE NOW CLOSED.

The Well-Trained Teams Have All Had Their Turns and Battled Manfully—University of Chicago Defeats Michigan—Wisconsin Beats Northwestern

For the All-Western Eleven.
Chicago (Times) condense:



FOOTBALL in the West has closed what was apparently a most successful season. The big, well-trained football teams of the greater colleges have had their turns, battled manfully and are now prepared to settle down and discuss results leisurely. Football experts are sizing the field up, and soon will be picking all Western eleven until there will be as many offered up as there are so-called experts. The season has been exceptionally clean as far as rough work by the players themselves is concerned and consequently as far as injuries received. The umpires have as a rule been stricter as regards "piling on"—that most dreaded feature of modern football. The referees have followed the ball so well that it is downed and the men lined up before an opportunity has been afforded for the rough work to creep in. As a result of the season's work everything points to Wisconsin's men as Western champions and not even Stagg's pets care to dispute the claim, despite the wonderful victory over Michigan Thursday by a score of 21 to 12. Wisconsin clinched all claims to the title when her lively, well-trained canvas-backs snowed Northwestern under by a score of 22 to 0 at Evanston Thursday.

The West has been unusually weak in tackles. Holmes, Forrest of Wisconsin, Sweeney of Illinois, Lockwood of Michigan, Mortimer and Webb of Chicago and Rheighans of Lake Forest would certainly be candidates for the all-Western team. Of these, Holmes, for his work against Chicago, Minnesota and Northwestern in making holds, in defense work generally, is perhaps the first choice, with Sweeney a close second. The cares of captain have weighed on Sweeney considerably, but in all he has more than held his own in the big games played, with the possible exception of the Indian match.

On the ends, the work of Michigan's and Wisconsin's ends, Dean and Anderson and Teetzel and Bennett, and that of Hamill, mark them as candidates. Sickles of Lake Forest, for a light man, has been much in the play, and on a heavier team might be considered. Of these, Bennett, Teetzel and Hamill and Dean would be the four to choose from. Hamill's work in the Michigan game in following kicks marks him something of a favorite. Teetzel's work in driving the play in would mark him as a favorite. Bennett for experience and Hamill and Dean interchangeably seem to be the choice.

Behind the line, Elver, Hunter, Schuler and Clarke are for quarter. Felver, barring two very bad fumbles in the Chicago game, should have first choice. Hunter, a good tackler, is too slow in running the game. Clarke fumbles badly, although he got over the fault in the Michigan game. Felver is perhaps the favorite for general, hard, heady work, and the fact that he can be used as a full.

For the backs, Herschberger, O'Dea, Gardiner, Peele, Johnston and Jackson of Lake Forest are perhaps the cream. Herschberger is the choice for full. Not only can he punt, but in the interference, in line plunging and place kicking he would overshadow O'Dea, who is never in the play except to kick. For halves, Peele and Jackson would make an extremely strong pair.

Northwestern, losing to Chicago and Wisconsin by big scores, is out of the race. Michigan's defeat by Chicago, overruled by the mighty opposing full-back, yielded all claims in her only big game of the season. Poor Illinois, who was forced to compete for championship honors before her team had reached the climax of development, was put out of the showing early when Chicago ran her down the field. Next to Wisconsin, Chicago has fairly won the right to stand a good second. After her Michigan and Illinois must dispute for the honors of their place, with the advantages in Michigan's favor, because of cleaner, harder, all-around work to the last in the face of certain defeat. After Illinois must be placed Northwestern, with her beefy eleven, with Oberlin following because of her showing against Michigan, and Purdue and Minnesota at the tail end of the procession.

FIRST BLASTS OF WINTER.

Snow Storm of Great Severity Sweeps Over Nebraska.

A snowstorm of great severity swept over Nebraska Thursday night. The weather was mild all day, with a drizzling rain. Toward evening the mercury dropped to almost zero and a gale from the northwest swept the fine particles of snow in every direction. Not a great quantity of snow fell, but what there was piled in huge drifts, impeding all kinds of traffic.

In the extreme western part of the State a regular blizzard prevailed, and great damage is threatened to stock interests. This is due to the fact that the grass is covered with a hard coating of ice, through which it will be quite difficult for cattle to break in order to secure food.

The great damage from the storm comes from the menace to the stock interests. The many thousand sheep being fed in the State are in particular danger. Still, as long as the herds are housed, which is the case with most of the large bunches, great damage will not occur. The open range is the place where the greatest loss will be certain.

Special Treasury Agent Converse J. Smith at Boston has received word from Special Employee Dunn, stationed on the Canadian border, that he has seized at Eastport, Me., a small schooner with a cargo of twenty-five boxes of tin plate that had been smuggled into port.

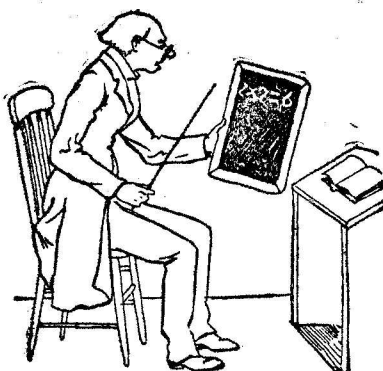
Dr. Abrahamovics, first vice-president of the lower house of the Austrian reichsrath, has been elected president to succeed Dr. Fathern, who resigned Oct. 26. Abrahamovics has acted as president ever since, but has been unable to keep order in the chamber.



MRS. JESSIE LINCOLN BECKWITH.

and told of her marriage. He sternly refused to give her his blessing and the bride left home and is now living with her husband at Mount Pleasant, Iowa. She is deeply in love with Mr. Beckwith and will remain with him, while hoping that her father's heart will relent. But the colonel shows no sign of forgiving her.

Commissioner General Powderly of the immigration bureau has received a telegram from Inspector Baldwin in Mississippi stating that he had secured the arrest of nineteen others of the party of Austrian slave cutters, recently brought to this country under contract.



YOU MAKE NO MISTAKE
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1897.

Local Happenings.

Attend the concert tonight.

December fashion books at the News Stand.

Is the lecture course committee dead or only sleeping?

As usual Mrs. Mary Paul was the first to pay taxes.

Hear Paul P. Davis, the noted elocutionist, this evening.

Chet Cislser has moved onto his farm just east of the village.

Neal Russell now occupies Chet Cislser's house on State street.

Mrs. T. J. Bush of Hastings, is the guest of Mrs. R. T. French.

Thanksgiving will be remembered as a cloudy, rainy but mild day.

Leave orders now at the News Stand for the Christmas Horseman.

I. N. Hubbard recently lost his valuable stallion, "Young America."

All Modern Woodmen please remember that the assessment is now due.

The melodious voice of a chimney sweep was heard in the village, yesterday.

Regular communication of the F. & A. M. lodge and election of officers next Tuesday evening.

For every dozen cabinets, one extra mounted on large card, at Pinney's during the holiday trade.

Teachers, read the notice of the State Teachers' association in the school column elsewhere in this issue.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. David T. Paulson, No. 428 East Bridge street, Grand Rapids, Nov. 25, a daughter.

Ed. Tolhurst has exchanged his farm southwest of the village for Mr. Barlow's draying business at Hastings.

Read the advs. in THE SUN and patronize the advertisers. They invite your trade and will treat you right.

Any person who is not now a subscriber to THE SUN, can, by subscribing now, get it until Jan. 1, 1898 for one dollar.

Township Treasurer G. E. Gardner will receive taxes at the store from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. each day on and after December 1.

Read the new ad of Dr. William Schad, in this issue. The doctor will be at Aubill's livery barn on Saturday of each week.

All members of the K. O. T. M. lodge are requested to be present next Monday evening as there are candidates to be initiated.

You must appreciate the big bargains in furniture if you would see the goods. Must be sold at some price. Young & Chaffee, 94-100 Ottawa street, Grand Rapids.

The J. E. Ackerson Harness Co. have bills out announcing the continuance for thirty days of their special cut rate sale. A fine opportunity to purchase Christmas presents.

A magazine or newspaper makes the nicest kind of a Christmas present. It reminds your friend of a kindness many times during the year. Subscribe for them at the SUN office at reduced rates.

An exchange says that recently upon the death of a delinquent subscriber the postmaster returned the paper to the publisher marked, "Deceased." Use asbestos wrapper and change the address.

G. A. Munch, M.D., the noted specialist has placed an advertisement with us. The inducements offered are surely fair and he needs no other recommendation. Read the advertisement "Pay When Cured."

Mrs. Mary Paul was very agreeably surprised Wednesday evening, Nov. 24, by twenty of her neighbors, who walked into her home carrying various parcels of eatables, which gave her a pleasant Thanksgiving.

Nearly every week we are compelled for lack of space and time to set the type, to cut out some of the less important items from our correspondents. We want all the news and especially that of general interest.

Miss Maud Olmstead entertained about twenty-five of her friends Thanksgiving evening. The time was spent with music, dancing, games and a sumptuous supper, for which her home, the St. James hotel, is famous.

W. D. Gardner & Sons, H. E. Hendrick, the J. E. Ackerson Harness Co., K. of P. lodge of this village, and Dr. William Schad of Corning, are among those who have been supplied with printed stationery from the SUN office this week.

One of Aubill's livery teams got the start of their driver, Elmer Bennett, near Davis' corners and came to town on a lively run yesterday noon. He managed to steer them clear of the rigs through town and miraculously escaped serious damage to driver and rig.

The Congregational choir gave a concert, interspersed with readings by local talent, Sunday evening to a well-filled house. The members of the choir are entitled to much credit for their efforts in the musical line, and under their efficient instructor, Prof. Harris, show marked improvement. The elocutionary part of the program was appropriate for the occasion and excellently rendered.

Crescent lodge No. 85, K. of P., elected the following officers last evening for the ensuing year:

C. C.—M. A. Coykendall.
V. C.—P. H. Richards.
Prelate—W. E. Roach.
M. of W.—M. A. Dietrich.
M. of A.—J. D. Dietrich.
M. of F. and K. of R. & S.—Aaron Sher.

M. of E.—J. A. Caldwell.
I. G.—Wm. McConnell.
O. G.—Frank Andrus.
Grand Lodge Rep.—W. K. Liebler.
Alternate Grand Lodge Rep.—M. A. Coykendall.

Trustee for 3 Years—E. M. Brown.

As the long winter evenings are coming on you will want more papers to read. Any paper or magazine you may wish we can get for you in connection with THE SUN at a reduced rate, and save you the trouble of sending for it.

Personal Points.

Mrs. John Rouse is visiting in Dutton.

C. A. Bandfield is in Detroit on business.

Theodore Jamison is in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Aaron Clark was in Grand Rapids, Saturday.

George Shafer has been on the sick list this week.

A. O. Wilkinson is visiting his brother at Niles.

There is no material change in Rev. B. Moore's condition.

F. W. Walker of Hastings, was in the village, Monday.

Mrs. C. J. Mallette is in Grand Rapids on business today.

Charles Bishop has gone to the Soldiers' home for the winter.

H. B. Hanlon returned from Bay Mills, last week Wednesday.

Henry Wesley returned Tuesday from a business trip to Detroit.

Mrs. L. T. French has about recovered from her recent illness.

Miss Lois Smith of North Irving, is ill at the home of R. T. French.

Agnes Laden returned Monday from a few days' visit in Grand Rapids.

Guy DeGolia is clerking for M. F. Dowling during the holiday trade.

Mrs. Isaac Gibbs, who has been sick for a long time, is now confined to her bed.

Mrs. F. A. Colvin, who was sick the fore part of the week, has nearly recovered.

B. L. Johnson returned Tuesday from a few days' visit with relatives in Lansing.

Samuel Carlisle and wife were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Young of Orangeville, Sunday.

Mrs. J. R. Cook of Sturgis, expects to visit relatives and friends in the village next week.

Neal Patterson of Grand Rapids, was calling on friends in the village the first of the week.

Miss Clara Sylvester of Nashville, has been a guest at Dr. G. W. Matterson's the past week.

R. T. Huff of Grand Rapids was the guest of his sister, Mrs. A. Vangilder, over Thanksgiving.

Roy Hooper is spending a week with his brother in Grand Rapids and at his old home, Grandville.

O. M. Mullinger and family were in attendance at a party held in Nashville, Thanksgiving evening.

Rev. W. A. Biss was in Big Rapids over Sunday where he preached the funeral sermon of J. S. Evans.

Dr. Nelson Abbott and Miss Nina Downing of Middleville were in town a few days this week.—Nashville News.

Samuel Allen and Asher Turner returned Tuesday evening from their deer hunt. Their party captured seven head.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Coykendall of Saranac, have been spending a couple of weeks with the latter's father, Eli Leslie.

A. F. Strickler, who has been the guest for a number of days of Miss Minnie Dietrich, returned to Ann Arbor, Monday.

Miss Carrie L. Hall, preceptress of the Otsego schools, was the guest of her friend, Mrs. G. D. Cooley, the latter part of last week.

John Woolston, who has been a severe sufferer with rheumatism since last spring is no better and only able to sit up part of the time.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Parkhurst and Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Hendrick attended the opera at Grand Rapids last evening, the play being "Mary Stuart" played by Modjeska.

Miss Mattie Ames of Grand Rapids, is the guest of her cousins, Misses Lida and Ethel Russell. They will entertain a company of young people in honor of their guest, Friday evening.

W. W. Millard and wife go to Sand Hill, Wayne Co., this week to spend the winter with their two daughters there and son in Detroit. Our old friend, Mr. M., has been a continuous subscriber to this paper since its first issue with the exception of one year.

Get your photos at Pinney's before the holiday rush.

C. A. Bandfield, our hustling stock buyer, has during the past four weeks shipped 180,000 pounds of hogs, the last shipment went last evening and consisted of five decks. While there are other dealers in the field, Mr. Bandfield seems to have the lead by a large majority. To our splendid creamery is due a portion of the credit, for without that institution there would not be more than half the present output of hogs from this locality, and when the farmer is figuring up the income from the dairy he should not forget to credit a liberal portion from the hog receipts.

Ninety-seven out of every hundred persons use Brant's Cough Balsam. We appeal to the three who don't.

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"You may talk about your superiority all you please," said the horse to the bicyclist; "but you can't go unless somebody rides you."

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RUNNELS—CISLER—Mr. Ernest Runnels of Leighton and Miss Jessie Cislser of Middleville were united in marriage at the Baptist parsonage Wednesday evening, November 24.

After the ceremony Pastor W. A. Biss, on behalf of her many friends in silver knives and forks; also a letter written by Mr. Webb expressive of the high esteem in which she was held.

STOWELL—POFF—At the residence of the bride's parents in Rutland on Nov. 24, by R. D. Freeman, Mr. Fred Stowell of Hastings and Miss Dora A. Poff.

GAYLORD—STEWART—At the residence of the bride's parents in south-west Thorsapple on Nov. 25, by R. D. Freeman, Mr. Stewart Gaylord of Highland, Ohio, and Miss Elsie Stewart.

CHASE—WILCOX—At the residence of the bride's parents in Irving on Nov. 25, by R. D. Freeman, Mr. William Chase of Coats Grove and Miss Mabel J. Wilcox.

There are calendars large and small; There are calendars short and calendars tall. But the Columbia Calendar Goes ahead of them all.

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Now's the time to buy furniture for Christmas. Big stock to choose from. Prices cut to almost your own figure. Young & Chaffee, 94-100 Ottawa street, Grand Rapids.

New ground for matt photos at Pinney's studio.

Send the SUN to absent friends as a Christmas present. It will please them fifty-two times every year.

M. F. Jordan and W. J. Hayward have an auction sale of farm property for Geo. E. Wilson on the old H. L. Smith farm in Irving on Wednesday, Dec. 8, at 10 a. m.

FOR SALE—Mammoth bronze turkeys from 40-pound stock. Nice young toms that weigh 25 to 30 pounds; young hens 15 to 20 pounds. S. J. WEBER.

FOR SALE—5 acres land, good house, barn, etc., inside corporation. Easy terms. Inquire at SUN office. 46-2

Hicks' Almanac for '97 at the News Stand.

LOST—Pocketbook containing 50 cents and a glass with initial "A." Finder please leave at SUN office.

FOR SALE—One 12 ft. extension table, 2 stands, a small bookcase, 6 yds. rag carpet, pair coasting bobs, hand sleigh, 2 tubs, gent's saddle and riding bridle. Enquire of Mrs. Saunders.

FOR SALE—7 small pigs. Wm. Corson.

Corn ground for the next ten days for 2c a bag at Pike's mills, Duncan lake. Satisfaction guaranteed.

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47-3 H. E. HENDRICK.

Best air tight Heater on the market for \$6 at Frank D. Pratt's hardware.

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After hearing some friends continually praising Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, Curtis Fleck of Anaheim, California, purchased a bottle of it for his own use and is now as enthusiastic over its wonderful work as anyone can be. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by J. W. Armstrong, druggist.

48-5

Buy crepe, tissue and all other kinds of paper at the News Stand.

You will miss many good stories if you don't buy a New York Ledger at the News Stand.

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Heavy Duck Coats, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00.
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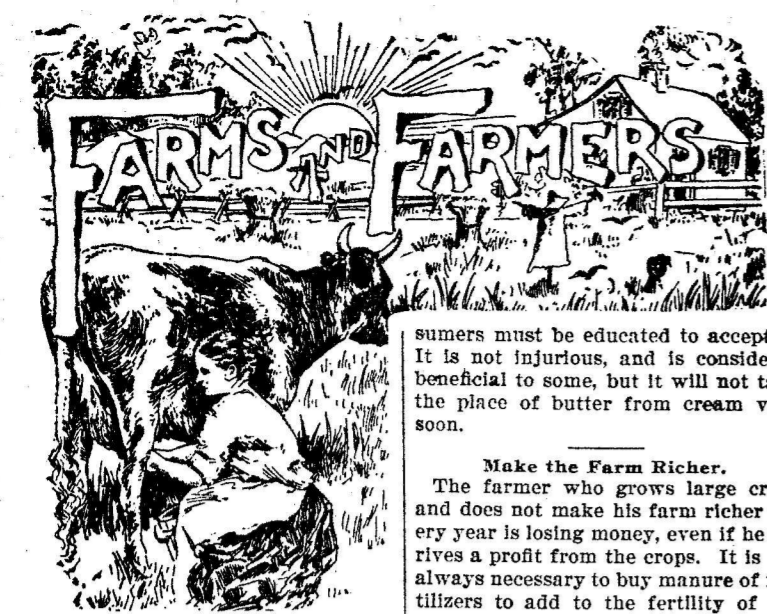
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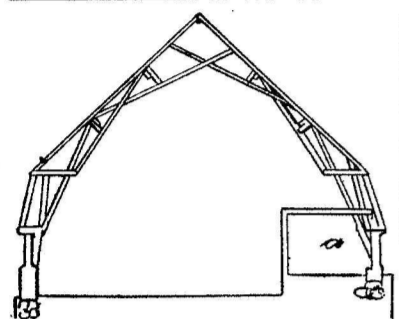
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Hip Roof for a Barn.
A correspondent of an agricultural exchange asks for a plan of a hip roof, without purline plates or support at the hip. He is assured, however, that it is impracticable to make such a roof without some substitute for the purlines, unless the arch is used in the framing of the roof. A common form of hip roof is here shown. It is a modification of the arch, which is the strongest form of roof made. The

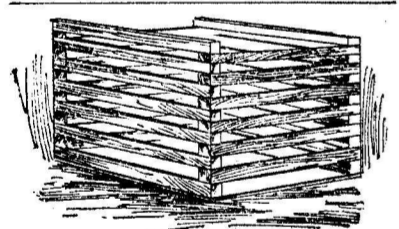


FRAME FOR BARN WITHOUT BEAMS.
(a) Stable.

form here shown is as near the arch as can be easily made, and the braces make it exceedingly strong. It is quite practicable to join the bottom of the outside posts by one stringer from the bottom to the peak of the roof, but it would lack the stiffness and strength of this form.

Fences.
Good fences are cheapest in the end. What is a good fence and how may fencing material be made to cost less? Timber is too valuable; so is land. We must run straight lines with wire or wood. If live posts can be employed the great bugbear in cost will be overcome by degrees. Nobody who has used growing trees for stretching wire upon wants to go back to posts that are dead and decaying. A few young trees set in the fence line each year where older ones show a tendency to die or need cutting will keep the fence up cheaply. Nail a board to each tree to tack the wire to so it won't grow into the bark. If the trees are solid they need not be nearer together than forty feet, light stakes being driven midway are sag preventives.

An Easily Made Crate.
Where one has access to a mill, and can procure an abundance of inch-square edgings, he can make a dozen or more crates very easily, after the manner shown in the sketch. A few wire nails, secure the corners. Let



HANDY FARM CRATE.

these be two and a half inches long. The bottom may be of board or of slats, as preferred. A board cover can also be fitted to the top, if needed. Such a contrivance makes an exceedingly strong and convenient crate, well adapted for gathering the potato and apple crops.—American Agriculturist.

Trees About Buildings.
The first consideration in planting trees about farm buildings is to shelter them from sun, wind and storm. The need of shade in summer is generally recognized, but too many planters overlook the equal necessity of evergreens to protect from winter winds, and to give a little color to the monotony of the winter landscapes. Evergreens produce an effect in ornamental planting not to be obtained in any other way.

Cheap Husking Peg.
Bend a piece of wire the size of a bucket bale as shown in the engraving. Turn up one end slightly and flatten it somewhat. Have the loop just large enough to slip over the second finger and the forward end sufficiently long to project slightly beyond the forefinger.

Grain in the Orchard.
Do not sow grain in the orchard, especially wheat or rye. Oats may be sown after the orchard is well grown, and pastured down with hogs, with but little bad effect. Never under any circumstances allow timothy, red-top, blue grass, or any other grass that forms a tough sod, in an orchard. When the orchard is not in cultivation it should be in clover; hogs may be pastured on the clover.

Peanut Butter.
A new article, known as peanut butter, is said to be on the market. It is made from the oil of the peanut, and has the flavor of the nut. Like all other products of similar kind, the con-

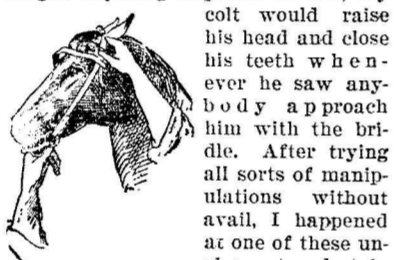
sumers must be educated to accept it. It is not injurious, and is considered beneficial to some, but it will not take the place of butter from cream very soon.

Make the Farm Richer.
The farmer who grows large crops and does not make his farm richer every year is losing money, even if he derives a profit from the crops. It is not always necessary to buy manure of fertilizers to add to the fertility of the soil. Proper rotation of crops and the use of green manure, plowed under, will accomplish much. It may, however, at times be cheaper to purchase fertilizers, but, with a system of rotation, and the growing of clover, the cost of fertilizers will be reduced. When the land becomes richer every year the value of the farm is increased correspondingly.

To Renew an Old Orchard.
Renew an old orchard by plowing in the fall and applying a top dressing of barnyard manure, giving each tree about two big wagonloads. In fact, spread it over the entire surface three or four inches deep, and you will be astonished at the results. Your trees will take on a new lease of life, make a good growth, with healthy dark green foliage in the place of the sickly light green of previous years. You will get large crops of excellent fruit. The trouble with most old orchards is that they are hide-bound in grass and starved to death for want of food.

Animals Need Lime.
Lime is necessary for animals as well as for the land, but lime salts exist in the food, predominating in some kinds more than in others. Corn and wheat grains contain but a small proportion of lime, hence young animals, or dams that care to produce young, require other foods than grain. Clover hay contains over twenty times as much lime as corn, while bran is also rich in mineral elements. Leg weakness, slow growth and lack of vigor are frequently the result of foods containing but little lime.

Breaking a Colt to Take the Bit.
Although of uncommonly gentle and docile disposition, and willing to be taught anything required of him, my colt would raise his head and close his teeth when-



ever he saw anybody approach him with the bridle. After trying all sorts of manipulations without avail, I happened at one of these unpleasant undertakings to put my hand in the corner of his mouth, laying the ends of my fingers on his tongue. This induced him to open his mouth, and, improving this opportunity, I slipped the bit into his mouth. After that, whenever the colt had to be bridled, I proceeded as the illustration explains. Hold the bridle with the right hand up to its proper place for bridling; let the left hand enter his mouth, while the bit rests on the back of the hand near the wrist, and as soon as his mouth opens draw the bit gently into his mouth by slipping the head-stall over his head. A few such operations, not more than four or five, broke my colt completely; he would not only take the bit willingly, but he would come toward you with his mouth wide open ready to be bridled.—G. C. Greiner, in Farm and Fireside.

Yield of a Meadow.
From recent experiments it appears that a meadow will yield about four times as much feed in bulk if made into hay as it will if pastured. But, as it is well known that the young, tender grass of the often-cropped pasture is more nutritious than the older and tougher hay, it was found by a careful test that the advantage in nutrients, digestibility and freedom from cost of harvesting, housing and feeding of pastured fields, will nearly balance the greater yield of hay fields, except on very high-priced lands.

Poultry Notes.
Be sure to feed in a cleanly manner. In cold weather feed a warm breakfast.

Extra good poultry always command the best price.

A varied diet helps materially the general health of fowls.

Do not use artificial stimulants; with poultry the reaction is harmful.

Poultry droppings contain all of the fertilizing material in a solid form.

Buckwheat can be used to good advantage in making up a variety.

Keep the fowls away from the barns, stables and carriage houses; in such places they are a nuisance.

Sunflower and sorghum seed can always be fed without threshing.

So long as a good variety of food can be given, very little stimulants are needed.

As a general rule, young chicks of a fancy breed should not be allowed to go on the roosts until they are three months old.

Pekin ducks will grow to a marketable size and attain a greater weight in a given time than ducklings of any other breed.

VOICE OF THE PRESS.

REV. DR. TALMAGE ON RELIGIOUS NEWSPAPERS.

If They Have the Right Spirit, He Says, Each One Does More Good than Fifty Pulpits—Editorial Responsibility Is Very Great.

Our Washington Pulpit.

In a previous discourse Dr. Talmage having shown the opportunities of the secular press, in this discourse speaks of the mission of religious newspapers. His text is, "Then I turned and lifted up mine eyes and looked, and behold a flying roll" (Zachariah vi. 1).

In a dream the prophet saw something rolled up advancing through the heavens. It contained a divine message. It moved swiftly, as on wings. It had much to do with the destiny of nations. But if you will look up you will see many flying rolls. They come with great speed and have messages for all the earth. The flying rolls of this century are the newspapers. They carry messages human and divine. They will decide the destiny of the hemispheres.

There are in the United States about 20,000 newspapers. The religious newspaper of which I am the editor was born nineteen years ago, but born again seven years ago. In this brief time it has grown to about 200,000 circulation, and, by the ordinary rule of calculating the readers of a paper, it has about 1,000,000 readers. Our country was blessed with many religious journals, edited by consecrated men, while their contributors were the ablest and best of all professions and occupations. Some of those journals for half a century had been dropping their benedictions upon the nation, and they live on and will continue to live on until there will be no more use for their mission, the world itself having become a flying roll on the tempests of the last day, going out of existence. There will be no more use for such agencies when the world ceases, because, in the spiritual state, we shall have such velocity that we can gather for ourselves all the news of heaven, or, seeing some world in conflagration, may go ourselves in an instant to examine personally the scene of disaster.

Was there room for another religious journal in this land, already favored with the highest style of religious journalism? Oh, yes, if undenominational, plenty of room. Nothing can ever take the place of the denominational newspaper. When the millennium comes in, it will find as many denominations as there are now. People, according to their temperaments, will always prefer this or that form of church government, this or that style of worship. You might as well ask us all to live in one house as to ask us all to worship in one denomination or to abolish the regiments of an army in order to make them one great host.

Denominational Papers.

Each denomination must have its own journal, set apart especially to present the charities, explain the work and forward the interests of that particular sect. The death of one denominational journal is a calamity to all the other denominations. I would almost feel that a great misfortune had happened me if The Christian Intelligencer of the Reformed church (my mother church) did not come to my house every week, for I was brought up on it, and it has become a household necessity. Such a denominational journal had better be edited by some one who rocked in the cradle of that church and, ordained at her altars, having become venerable in her service, sits spectated and wise and, with heart full of sacred memories, addresses the living of to-day. In the most sacred crypt of our memory stands the statue of the religious editors Abel Stevens and Joshua Leavitt and the royal family of the Primes, Ireneus and Eusebius, while others linger on the banks of the Jordan, where they will not have long to wait for Elijah's chariot, and when they go up, if we still be sitting at our editorial desks, we will cry out in the memorable words, "My father, my father, the chariot of Israel and the horsemen thereof!"

But, then, there are great movements in which all denominations wish to join, and we want more undenominational newspapers to marshal and advance and inspire such movements. Yet such journals have a difficult task, because all Christian men, if they have behaved well in their denominations, for some reason prefer the one of their natural and spiritual nativity and, even looking up upon the general field and attempting wider work, will be apt to look at things through denominational preference and to treat them with a denominational twist.

The Undenominational Press.

Undenominational journalism is absolutely necessary to demonstrate the unity of the Christian world. Wide and desperate attempt is made to show that the religion of Jesus Christ is only a battle ground of sects, and the cry has been: "If you want us to accept your religion, agree, gentlemen, as to what the Christian religion really is. This denomination says a few drops of water dripping from the end of the fingers is baptism, and another demands the submergence of the entire body. This one prays with book, and that one makes extemporaneous utterance. The rector of one delivers his sermon in a gown, while the backwoods preacher of another sect addresses the people in his shirt sleeves. Some of your denominations have the majestic dominant in the service and others spontaneity. Some of you think that from all eternity some were predestinated to be saved and that from all eternity others were doomed." Now, it is the business of Young Men's Christian Associations and tract societies and Sunday school unions and pronounced undenominational journals to show the falsity of the charge that we are fighting among ourselves by gathering all Christian denominations on one platform or launching the united sentiment of all Christendom from one style of religious printing press.

Unity, complete unity! Never was any other army on earth so thoroughly united under one flag and inspired by one sentiment and led by one commander as is the church militant. Christ commands all the troops of all denominations of Christians, and they are going to shout together in the final victory when the whole world is redeemed.

But we have in all our denominations got tired of trying to make other people think as we do on all points. The heresy hunters in all denominations are nearly all dead, thank God, and we are learning that when men get wrong in their faith, instead of martyring them by arraignment we do better to wait for the natural roll of years to remove them. Men die,

the truth lives on. We may not all agree as to the number of teeth in the jawbone with which Samson slew the Philistines, or agree as to what was the exact color of the foxes which he set on fire to burn up the corn shocks, but, on the vitals of religion, we all agree.

If we could call into one great convention the 645,566 Episcopalians, the 1,420,905 Lutherans, the 1,460,346 Presbyterians, the 4,153,857 Baptists, the 6,053,289 Methodists, putting into them the following questions, we would get unanimous answer in the affirmative: Do you believe in a God, good, holy, just, omnipotent? Do you believe in Jesus Christ as a Saviour? Do you believe in the convicting, converting and sanctifying power of the Holy Ghost? Do you believe that the gospel is going to conquer all nations? If you should put these questions to those assembled millions on millions, while there would not be a solitary negative, there would be an aye, aye, aye, loud enough to make the foundations of the earth tremble and the arches of the heavens resound. Let there be platforms, let there be great occasions, let there be undenominational printing presses to thunder forth the unity of all Christendom. One Lord. One faith. One baptism. One God and Father. One Jesus Christ. One cross. One heaven.

So also there is room for a religious journal that stands for liberty as against all oppression. Civil liberty. Political liberty. Religious liberty.

Old Fashionable Evangelism.

Again, on this seventh anniversary I say there is room for a religious paper charged with old-fashioned evangelism. Other styles of religious newspapers may do for advertising purposes or for the presentation of able essays on elaborate themes, but if this world is ever brought to God it will be through unqualified, unadulterated, unmixed, unmistakable evangelism. It was astounding that the Lord Almighty should have gone into great bereavement, submitting to the loss of his only Son, that Son stepping off the door sill of heaven into a darkness and an abyss that no plummet has ever yet been able to fathom, and through that funeral of the heavens life is offered to our world. But how to get the tidings to all people and in such an attractive way that they will take hold of them is the absorbing question. The human voice can travel only a few feet away, and the world wants something further and wider reaching, and that is the newspaper press, and as the secular press must necessarily give itself chiefly to secular affairs let the religious newspaper give itself to the present and everlasting salvation of all who can read or, if not able to read, have ears to hear others read. If there be an opportunity higher, deeper, grander, than that offered to newspaper evangelism, name it and guide us to it, that we may see its altars, its pillars, its domes, its infinitude.

An Optimistic Press.

Again, on this seventh anniversary of a religious publication I notice that there is an especial mission for a religious journal truthfully optimistic. The most optimistic book I know of is the Bible, and its most impressive authors were all optimists. David an optimist. Paul an optimist. St. John an optimist. Our blessed Lord an optimist. I cannot look upon a desert but I am by the old book reminded that it will "blossom like as the rose." I cannot in a menagerie look upon a lion and a leopard but I am reminded that "a little child shall lead them." I cannot see a collection of gems in a jeweler's window without thinking of heaven afire and ablaze and incarnadined and empurpled with all manner of precious stones. I cannot hear a trumpet but I think of that one which shall wake the dead. All the ages of time, bounded on one side by the paradise in which Adam and Eve walked and on the other side by the paradise which St. John saw in apocalyptic vision. The Scriptures optimistic and their authors optimistic, all religious newspapers ought to be optimistic. Not only should all ministers and all religious editors have their heart right, but their liver right. The world has enough trouble of its own without our giving them an extra dose in the shape of religion. This world is going to be saved, and if you do not believe it you are an infidel. None of us wants to get on board a train which, instead of reaching the depot, is surely going down the embankment. All aboard for the millennium! For the most part in a religious journal let the editorials be cheerful and the pictures cheerful. Publish in it more sermons on texts like "O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good," and fewer on texts like "Out of the depths of hell have I cried unto thee, O Lord." If any one has anything gloomy to say, let him say it to himself. If he must write it, let him not send it to editorial rooms, but put it in the pigeonhole of his own desk.

Prayers for Religious Papers.

Pray for the religious newspaper of America because of the fact that if they have the right spirit each one does as much good as 5 or 50 or 200 churches. What are the 500 or 5,000 people making up a Sabbath audience compared with the 10,000 or 50,000 or 200,000 that the religious journal addresses? Such journals are pulpits that preach day and night. They reach weekly those who through invalidism or through indifference never enter churches. They reach people in their quietude, when their attention is not distracted as in church by the fine millinery that appeals to the eye or the rustle of attire that attracts the ear. It will always be our duty and our privilege not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together, but I believe the consecrated printing press is the chief agency under God to save the world.

Pray also for the religious newspapers of America that they may resist the temptations to become acerb, harsh and damnable to those who think differently from themselves. Pray also for religious journalism that it may be alert—not abreast of the times, but ahead of the times. The secular newspaper gives the secular news and does not pretend to give its religious meaning. The religious press ought to put all the events of the day in companies, regiments and brigades and show us in what direction that divinely disciplined host is marching and let us know what victories for God and righteousness they will win. The Christianized printing press is to do in our time on a large scale what the battering ram did in olden time on a smaller scale. That old war machine was a stout timber, hung by chains to a beam supported by posts, and many men would lay hold of the stout timber and swing it backward and forward until, getting under full momentum, it would strike into awful demolition the wall besieged. God grant that all of us who have anything to do with the mighty battering ram of our century, the printing press, may be clothed of God with especial strength and oneness of purpose, and that,

having pulled it back for one mighty assault, we may altogether rush it forward, crushing into everlasting ruin the last wall of opposition and the last fortress of iniquity.

Editorial Responsibility.

And now let all of us who are connected with either secular or religious journalism remember that we will be called into final account for every word we write in editorial or reportorial or contributors' column, for every type we set, for every press we move and for the style of secular or religious newspaper we patronize or encourage. In Ezekiel's prophecy the angel of God, supposed to be Christ, appears with an inkhorn hung at his side, as an attorney's clerk in olden time had an inkhorn at his side. And I have no doubt the inkhorn will have an important part in the day of judgment, those who have used it well to receive eternal plaudit and those who have misused it to receive condemnation.

On that great day of judgment all the power we have had on earth will be insignificant compared with the power that will pronounce our rapture or our doom and that which might have been considered a joke in the "composing room," because it humiliated an enemy, will be no joke at all amid the wreck of mountains and seas, and the inkhorn will there tell of all we wrote anonymously and under the impersonality of a newspaper, as well as that which was signed with our own name. But the inkhorn by the side of the angel of the new covenant will speak out and tell of what it had to do with all letters of kindness written, with all emancipation proclamations, with all editorial and reportorial eulogies of the good, with all the messages of salvation to a lost world. Not only the inkhorn which Ezekiel saw, but all the inkhorns will come to judgment. "And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God, and the books were opened." Copyright, 1897.

Short Sermons.

Bible Societies.—Bible societies are the hands of the Christian churches, giving the bread of life to famishing multitudes. Seventy of these societies are in existence that have given the Bible in seventy-five years to 580,000,000 of the population of the world.—Rev. Dr. Lee, Presbyterian, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Equality.—I do not believe that there are any kinds of equality except that of opportunities. But there is the equality of giving each man a free and open chance to gain as much as he can. Give them a free race. Outrun if you can. That's fair. To trip him up is unfair.—Rev. M. J. Savage, Unitarian, New York City.

Criminals.—I am frequently asked by prison officials what is the use of my trying to convert these sinners. They tell me these men are hardened beyond all remedy, but I don't believe it. These brethren of ours who have fallen love to hear the sounds of the Gospel trumpet.—Rev. Thomas Edgar, Prison Evangelist, New York City.

The Rebound.—Every man gets out of this world the rebound of what he puts into it. We command God by obeying Him. We get from Him and His world whatsoever we will. Sovereignty over the world was given to man at the beginning. Lost by sin, it was restored by redemption.—Rev. Dr. Roughton, Methodist, Cincinnati, O.

The Wheel.—There are tens of thousands of men and women who five years ago were in the habit of attending church on Sunday who now spend the day riding in the country. As a result of it all the church is confronted with the gravest situation she has faced since the reformation.—Rev. S. D. McConnell, Episcopalian, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Punishment.—We need a sterner administration of law. Robberies accompanied with violence have been so numerous that we may need the methods of Liverpool. For deeds of personal violence there the lash was unsparingly used, accompanied with long terms of imprisonment for the habitual criminal.—Bishop Fallows, Episcopalian, Chicago, Ill.

Sunday Evils.—It is a matter of deep public concern, as well as that of the church, how the masses are to be employed who are let loose upon the Sabbath. If they be allowed to be tempted to idleness, vice and dissipation, no day in the calendar of the week will equal it in "impairing health, promoting vice, increasing pauperism, unsettling society, and opening the flood-gates for sin and degradation in general.—Rev. Henry Tesnow, Reformed Episcopalian, Denver, Colo.

Prepared for Emergencies.

He was more than 70 years of age, this old soldier, and he walked slowly, feebly along Exchange street, carrying in one hand a huge carpet bag, which looked as if it had seen generations of service. A well-known Buffalo man saw the old soldier.

"Where are you going, my friend?" he asked, kindly.

"I ain't goin' nowhar jest now," was the answer in a troubled, hesitating sort of a way.

"Have you had your breakfast?" was the next question.

"Yaas, I 'et somethin' on the train. I allars carries my feed with me."

"I allars carries a piller with me, too," he said, gaining courage at the sight of a friendly face. "Then I allars know that wherever I be, I'll have a place whar I can lay my head," and the old man pointed to the side of his carpet bag, on which was strapped a small pillow, encased in a slip of white, trimmed with coarse lace.

"Yer see, when I strike a place whar I can rest a bit, it's sorter nice to have a piller handy," he said, by way of explanation, as he got on a street car which would take him to his destination, and thanked the Buffalo man for paying his fare.—Buffalo Commercial.

The Duchess d'Uzes, whose escape from the Paris bazaar fire is memorable, is exceedingly rich, an accomplished musician and sculptor, an intrepid horsewoman and passionately fond of fox hunting.

HERO OF 1812.

Sole Survivor of the Constitution and Guerriere Fight.

Mayor Strong had a notable visitor recently in the person of Maj. William H. Garland, an ancient mariner, 95 years old, the sole survivor of the great battle between the Constitution and the Guerriere, which was fought on Aug. 19, 1812.

"I remember the battle well," said Maj. Garland, in answer to a question asked by the mayor, "though I was only 10 years old. I was on the Constitution as a 'powder monkey,' and took much pride in the victory—which was won after a half hour's most daring fighting—as any of the men and officers. Then I was in the fight with the Java four months later, when we served her as we had the Guerriere."

"I know I am the sole survivor of that crew of the Constitution; and have reason to believe that I am the only survivor of the navy of 1812."

"When Lafayette was here in 1824 I was appointed on his escort by President Monroe. Early in 1826 I accompanied Lafayette to France on the Brandywine."

"I also saw the great Napoleon, and believe I am the only living American who ever had that honor. It was at St. Helena. He spoke to me in good English, and, laying his hand on my head, he said, 'My young man, I hope your life will be a more happy and successful one than mine has been.'"

"I knew President Monroe very well, for he was quite intimate with my father, who, like myself, was born and reared in Virginia; and I think I remember him particularly well because of his apple orchard, where I went frequently with other boys, but with his permission, for he was always kind to young folks, and used to pick the ripe apples for us. I attended his funeral, as I did that of Thomas Jefferson. Jefferson was a frequent visitor to our house, and I used to enjoy having him talk politics with my father."

"I was honorably discharged from the United States navy in 1834, and went to my home at Hampton," continued Maj. Garland. "When the war broke out in 1861 I was parted from many friends and relatives, for I stood by the old flag, while they went with the South. I came to New York, joined the Fifty-Sixth New York Infantry, then the Lincoln cavalry, and afterward the Sixteenth Massachusetts. I was through the war from Bull Run to Appomattox. After the battle of Antietam Gen. McClellan made me a major."

"When the war was over I returned to my home at Hampton, and have lived there since. I am now on my way to attend the anniversary celebration of the victories of the old Ironside fleet, which is to be held the 21st of this month."

Mayor Strong showed great pleasure at meeting the veteran of two wars, who, in spite of several wounds, the loss of the sight of one eye, and a form bowed by years, is able to walk quite well with the aid of a cane and crutch. His hair is white, and his long beard of the same color flows over numerous gold and silver medals that are on his left breast. He is apparently proud of these, though he did not speak of them. But he was quick to exhibit his pension papers and other credentials that verify the story he tells.—New York Herald.

DON'T.

Don't steal another man's good name, even if your own is worn out.

Don't raise your hand against your husband—boomhandles are plenty.

Don't pattern after the busy little bee. It's the other fellow that eats the honey.

Don't monopolize one color in your make-up. A ruby nose spoils the effect of ruby lips.

Don't bet with your wife, unless you are prepared to lose, whether you win or not.

Don't look a gift horse in the mouth. Sell him for what you can get and let the other fellow look.

Don't judge a man by the clothes he wears. Form your opinion from the wearing apparel of his wife.

Don't be a clam. If you must be anything of that kind, be a turtle. Then you will have a little snout about you.

Don't take a bull by the horns. Take him by the tail and then you can let go without getting some one to help you.

The Pearl Oyster.

The pearl oyster is the animal from which those highly-valued ornaments, pearls, are extracted. The pearl is nothing more than "maigre," deposited in the shape of globular drops instead of being spread over the inner surface of the shell, in which case it is known as Mother-of-Pearl.

These valuable shells are found both in the old and new world. Ceylon is very famous for its pearl fisheries. The fishermen are trained to remain a long time under water, and are assisted in their descent to the bottom of the sea by a heavy weight tied to their feet. They rapidly gather all the pearl oysters in their way into a basket, and when in want of air give a signal to their friends above, who draw them to the surface by a rope. The oysters are then left to putrefy for some weeks, when they are carefully washed, and the pearls extracted.

Three Costly Crowns.

The value of the jewels in the British crown is about \$1,800,000, or a little over one-fifth of the cost of the crown of little Portugal, which is estimated at \$8,500,000. The Sultan of Johore, however, on state occasions glitters in diamonds, the value of those in his crown and worn on his person being not less than \$12,000,000.

A Massachusetts man, 72 years old, was recently sent for two years to the penitentiary for stealing three hens.

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Dec. 8-7-6—"FALLEN AMONG THIEVES."

All members of the W. R. C. are requested to be present at our next meeting, the annual election of officers, Dec. 4.

Reading club meets with Mrs. Ferguson Wednesday Dec. 8, at 2:30 p. m.

Program for the afternoon:

Responses—James Russell Lowell.
Paper—Review "Bigelow Papers".

Spelling.....Mrs. French
Roman History.....Mrs. Hendrick
Questions on History.....Mrs. Johnson
Questions—For what is Michigan most famous? How does the Governor influence Legislation?.....Mrs. A. A. Matteson

CHURCH NOTICES.

Evangelical church, Leighton, P. Scheurer, pastor. Preaching every Sunday at 10:30 a. m. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Prayer meeting every Thursday evening. The above services are German. Young people's services every Sunday evening in the English language. English preaching first Sunday evening of each month.

M. E. church, J. C. Dorris, pastor. Services 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Subject for the morning, "No Compromise with Sin." Subject for the evening, "The Divine Fire Always Burning on the Altar." Epworth League, 6 p. m. Subject, "Conviction for Sin." Ora Metzgar, leader. Junior Epworth League at 3 p. m. at the M. E. parsonage. Prayer meeting, Thursday, 7 p. m. Come and worship with us.

Baptist church, Walter A. Biss, pastor. Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Morning topic, "The Tried Word." Bible school at the close of morning service. B. Y. P. U. at 6 p. m. Preaching at the parsonage school house at 3 p. m., standard time. The third illustrated sermon will be given in the evening. Hymns and pictures will be placed upon the screen by the use of a stereopticon. Prayer meeting, Thursday, 7 p. m. Sacred literature class Friday, 7 p. m. Covenant meeting, Saturday, 2 p. m.

Congregational church, H. Appleton, pastor. Services 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Subject for morning, "A New Commandment." Subject for the evening, "The One Thing to Do." Sabbath school at the close of morning service. Junior C. E., 3:30 p. m. Subject, "Serving Others and Its Rewards." Leader, Ross Armstrong. Y. P. S. C. E., 6 p. m. Subject, "Not to Be Ministered Unto, But to Minister." Leader, Miss Franc Barnes. Teachers' meeting, Monday, 7 p. m. Prayer meeting, Thursday, 7 p. m. A most cordial welcome to all services.

GENTS ENTERTAIN.

The ladies of the Congregational church and Aid society have prevailed upon their husbands, sons and brothers to serve the supper of the Aid society Dec. 3 at the church parlors from 5 to 7 o'clock and, considering the quality and quantity of the supper, a charge of 15 cents to all will be made. The following eminent gentlemen will have charge of the different departments: Table No. 1, Dr. S. C. Rich, chief waiter; E. F. Blake, M. S. Johnson, associates. Table No. 2, John McQueen, chief waiter; C. A. Bandfield, P. H. Richards, associates. Table No. 3, J. W. Saunders, chief waiter; Chas. Campbell, Will French, associates. Table No. 4, W. K. Liebler, chief waiter; W. J. Hayward, O. M. Hullinger, associates. Table No. 5, Chas. L. McLisohy, chief waiter; John L. Broughton, E. D. Matteson, associates. Cashier, R. T. French. Reception committee, Chas. Cook, sr., R. E. Combs, Chas. McQueen, David Brodie, Geo. Dexter, Dr. Matteson, M. F. Jordan, Archie McQueen, M. A. Dietrich, E. W. Shaw, H. L. Moore, S. Campbell, A. Wilcox, J. D. Dietrich, M. M. Hodge, W. D. Gardner, G. E. Gardner, A. M. Gardner, D. Campbell, J. B. Campbell, John Campbell, Aaron Clark, Chas. Spreen, Wm. L. Cobb, F. D. Pratt, Warren Russell, Orlando Thomas, A. A. Dibble, M. F. Dowling, W. Babcock, Chas. Rogers, F. L. Blake, Calvin Barrell, T. D. French, M. L. Matteson, David Matteson, John Cook, F. Heany, Carvers, J. W. Armstrong, M. Rosenberg. In charge of cooking department, H. Appleton, A. P. Dibble, Geo. Willson, Walter Babcock, Chas. Brandstetter, J. C. Otto, John Beach, Wm. Coman, Vern Shay, C. E. Stokoe. The Bell Quartet and Messrs. Peeps and Abbott will furnish music during supper. No ladies will be admitted to the kitchen lest some of the secrets of the cuisine might be divulged.

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Friday Evening, December 31, we shall continue to offer for Coin the best goods at prices that will be hammered and slashed as they never were before.

Harness and Horse Goods.	Gloves and Mittens.	Sundries--Rare Bargains.
<p>We haven't room to quote prices on our immense line, but we will cut the prices even lower than we have during November.</p> <p>Here is a sample:</p> <p>Our own make double Farm Harness, pure oak leather, XC or Jap trimmings, steel bound hames, extra heavy lines, thong sewed collars, all hand made and every strap, buckle and stitch warranted, worth \$30 of any man's money, but during this sale or while they last only...\$23.65</p> <p>It is a hard nut for competitors to crack, but as Rook Young used to say, "It is no trouble to show goods <i>where you've got 'em.</i>"</p> <p>We Have Got 'Em.</p> <p>In single Harness we have the finest and largest assortment of strictly high grade hand made jobs in western Michigan. We have not room on this circular to give the full list and prices, but we wish to say right here that during this sale we shall cut the price long and deep, and you can't buy a harness anywhere else as cheap as you can here during this sale—and don't you forget it.</p>	<p>Right here we wish to earnestly thank the people for the very generous patronage they have seen fit to extend to our new line. It has exceeded anything we ever dreamed of and we promise you that in the future as in the past month we will always give you the best Gloves and Mittens obtainable, at prices <i>always the cheapest.</i> We have actually had to purchase five bills of Gloves and Mittens within the past thirty days, and today we have as fine a line as you will see anywhere.</p> <p>A good wool knit Mitten, long wrist, per pair.....12c</p> <p>Mule skin Gloves or Mittens, per pair.....21c</p> <p>An extra heavy wool knit driving Mitten, extra long warm wrist 32c</p> <p>The famous fire-proof special oil tanned calf skin Mitten, with long wool wrist and full lined, per pair.....52c</p> <p>A dandy gent's Mitten, soft oil tanned goat skin, long wool wrist, fleece lined throughout, we sell them for, per pair.....32c</p> <p>A fine wool Glove, double knit and full extra length wrists, a very fine gent's driving Glove, regular 65c grade, per pair 47c</p> <p>For the boys we have a nice line of both Gloves and Mittens and an inspection will prove to you that we are <i>always the cheapest.</i></p>	<p>The famous N. Y. Carriage Grease in tin boxes, worth 20c, during this sale.....13c, 2 for 25c</p> <p>U. S. Axle Grease in round steel boxes worth 10c, now only.....7c, 3 for 20c</p> <p>Best hemp Cattle Ropes worth 12c, now only.....10c</p> <p>Heavy web Halters with rope tie, formerly 25c, now...18c</p> <p>Heavy 5 ring leather Halter, heavy rope tie, formerly \$1, now.....67c</p> <p>Heavy Sweat Pads, the 35c kind, now.....23c</p> <p>German Snaps, 4 to 1 inch, regular price 35c dozen, now 18c dozen</p> <p>White Metal Champion Snaps, best on earth, regular price 50c dozen, now.....25c dozen</p> <p>A good Surcingle, stout strap and buckle, worth 25c, now 15c each</p> <p>Best 25c Horse Brush in town, leather back.....18c each</p> <p>A first-class Brush worth 60c, leather back, now only..38c each</p> <p>Big heavy leather back Brush, all bristles warranted, always sold at \$1, now.....73c each</p> <p>Bickmore's famous Gall Cure during this sale only....21c each</p> <p>The regular 10c Curry Comb.....4c each</p> <p>A first-class steel Curry Comb.....7c each</p> <p>A larger and better one.....12c each</p> <p>The genuine Frank Miller's Harness Soap, 20c regular 12c each</p>
<p>Plush Robes.</p> <p>From \$1.35 up to \$10.00.</p> <p>Fur Robes.</p> <p>From \$3.12 up to \$17.00.</p> <p>25 Per Cent. Off on the Entire Stock of Robes.</p> <p>Trunks, Valises, Whips, &c.</p> <p>25 Per Cent. Off.</p> <p>The Best Harness Oil on Earth</p> <p>60 Cents Per Gal.</p>	<p>Duck Coats.</p> <p>Another new departure. Come in and see how they compare with others.</p> <p>A genuine duck coat, wool lined, regular price \$1.25; For this sale only.....87c</p> <p>A better duck coat, double breasted ulster corduroy collar; regular price \$1.75; For this sale only...1.29</p> <p>A better duck coat, wool and rubber lined throughout body and sleeves; regular price \$2.50; For this sale only.....1.72</p> <p>Another good duck coat, double breasted, corduroy ulster collar, all wool lining throughout body and sleeves; regular price \$2.50; For this sale only.....1.72</p> <p>The best duck coat on the market, extra heavy and extra long and extra heavy all wool lining double breasted, heavy corduroy ulster collar; regular price \$3.50; For this sale only.....2.48</p>	<p>Our Terms</p> <p>Are STRICTLY CASH, but for all sums over Ten Dollars we will accept first-class endorsed paper for any amount with the time to suit your convenience from one month to one year at 7 per cent interest. Such paper with our present arrangements is as good as SPOT CASH. And we want all we can get of it.</p> <p></p> <p>Horse Blankets.</p> <p>Probably you have noticed that we have been selling piles of Horse Blankets. Well, why shouldn't we? We will bet that you don't see any flies on these prices:</p> <p>A first-class hemp Stable Blanket, lined, and two adjustable girths—some of the famous cheap (?) stores in surrounding towns offer them to you at \$1.25 and say they beat the world—we wonder if they really do—we sell 'em at.....1.18 each</p> <p>The best Stable Blanket in town, always sold at \$1, large size, strong buckle and strap, during this sale only......72</p> <p>A good, durable, square Horse Blanket, strong and warm, formerly \$1, during this sale......67</p> <p>A first-class, fancy plaid, all wool Blanket, 76x80, square street blanket. 5-A make, warranted worth \$3.25, during this sale.....2.38</p> <p>All other Horse Blankets and Robes 25 per cent off.</p> <p>We offer an extra length all black fur coat; heavy collar, elegant quilted lining; it would be a great bargain at \$18 during this sale only.....13.87</p> <p>A better one with sleeves reinforced with leather, worth \$19, during this sale only.....14.87</p>

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MIDDLEVILLE, - MICHIGAN.

SUPPLEMENT TO
THE MIDDLEVILLE SUN
 THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1897.

CALEDONIA, CULLINGS.

Nov. 30—Mr. and Mrs. Purcell and daughter, Susan, Sundayed at Mrs. O. S. Kinsey's.

The dance at Kennedy's hall Thanksgiving night was a grand success in spite of the weather.

J. E. Kennedy has purchased a new upright piano of the Kimball Organ Co. for use in his hall.

Mrs. Will Muehling of Grand Rapids visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Green, Thanksgiving.

Marion Swain was in Grand Rapids, Saturday.

Henry Helrigle has returned from Petoskey.

The hunters, who went north from this place deer hunting, have returned. Henry Brower and Will Ford each claim to have shot the deer, but the only question bothering us is "Who killed the deer?"

Vesta Pratt was home for Thanksgiving.

J. D. Malcolm and Will Stone were in Grand Rapids on legal business, Tuesday.

Maggie Bergy and her mother visited at Mrs. D. Kinsey's, Sunday.

Meda Bergy returned Sunday from her Thanksgiving trip.

The Rev. O. Lash preached in the Evangelical church to a large congregation Sunday evening. Subject, "If Christ Came to Caledonia."

The churches of Caledonia will join in union Christmas exercises.

Miss Williams of Petoskey is sick with the chicken pox at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Ed Clark.

C. M. Wise of Grand Rapids was in town Monday.

Mr. Putz of Grand Rapids spent Thanksgiving with friends in Caledonia.

"Rasty" Wright came from Grand Rapids Saturday evening, staid with J. V. Kinsey that night, and Sunday morning went to Freeport to see his best girl and we haven't seen him since.

Jennie Doyle is on the sick list.

NORTH IRVING.

Nov. 30—My! How the wedding bells have been ringing the past week. The echo reached us here.

Poultry dressing has been the work of many of our people of late.

F. Roberts has returned from his visit east.

Mrs. Coulter entertains L. A. S. Thursday, the 9th, at her home.

Preaching service Sunday afternoon.

Miss Beadle was visiting schools around here last week.

Another Thanksgiving has gone. Several "dinners" were eaten here as usual.

Geo. Hubbard's mill is now located on the Kurtz farm.

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ORANGEVILLE OUTINGS.

Nov. 28—Just four weeks to Xmas.

Preparations are being made for a Xmas tree at the Baptist church.

Rev. Fred Berry of Plainwell spoke to a large and attentive audience Sunday evening, choosing for his subject John iii:16. 'Twas the same text that Harry Morehouse, the Irish lad, preached seven eloquent sermons from in "Moody's Tabernacle," Chicago.

There will be an all day meeting at the Baptist church Wednesday. Rev. Mr. Pixley of Prairieville will be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong went to Allegan the first of last week to visit their daughter, Mrs. A. Nogle. Mr. A. returned Thursday evening in time to help eat roast turkey and chicken pie at the town hall. The L. H. M. S. received much praise for the manner in which they entertained. Thanksgiving receipts, \$10.25.

On account of the meetings this week the regular monthly meeting of the L. H. M. S. will be postponed.

Eli Nichols and son, Carl, ate Thanksgiving dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Hoofmaster in Battle Creek.

Several of our young people attended the surprise on Miss Mary Garrett at Gun lake Thursday evening. She is attending school in Kalamazoo.

The chicken pie social at Dan Laraway's was a decided success.

Leighton Matteson commences school in your town Monday.

J. N. Pike returned from Grand Rapids Monday with a portion of his iron penstock.

Vilas Youngs and wife from near Woodland are visiting friends here.

Dan Hubbard from near your place was in town last week on business.

Ben Wing was in your town last week on business.

Old Mr. Slyter near Gun lake is very low.

Fred Cook of Kalamazoo spent Sunday at home.

Fred Armstrong has finished husking corn for Augustus Snook and is looking for work elsewhere.

J. M. Burpee and James Johnson are able to be about town again.

Mr. Matteson and son, Leighton, Wm. Johnson, Charlie Beattie and Miss Carrie Blake were in Plainwell last week.

LEIGHTON LOCALS.

Nov. 29—It's pretty cold for news this week, but we hear the wedding bells ringing in the distance and they're not far off.

Geo. Wilson and family spent Thanksgiving with friends and relatives near Allegan.

The district board of school district No. 2 tore away the fence along the road and also made some other improvements on the grounds.

A. I. Winger is spending a few days with his parents in Salem.

Ernest Runnels of this place and Jessie Cislser of your village were united in marriage by Rev. W. A. Biss of Middleville last Wednesday evening, Nov. 24. A long, happy and prosperous life to them is the wish of their many friends here.

Edwin Aubil and A. I. Winger intend to saw wood for A. L. McDowell and Mrs. J. B. Weber in the near future.

Wm. Steeby and lady friend spent Sunday near Duncan lake.

Ernest Davis is staying with Albert Barrell and attending school at the "brick."

Kate Brog of near Wayland entertained a gentleman friend from Cloverdale Sunday and attended church in Leighton.

David Steeby and Barnard Guinter are having the timber for their barns scored and hewn this week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Kachele of west Thornapple are the proud possessors of a little son born Nov. 23.

Born to Rev. A. Kachele and wife of New York, a daughter Nov. 22. Mr. K. formerly lived in west Thornapple and Mrs. K. will be remembered as Emma Thede of this place.

Wm. Bedford of the county line is buying turkeys this week.

Every one of our young people should attend the Epworth League every Tuesday evening and be benefitted by the good work, and work for the reward which is promised to the faithful. The same should be the aim of all attending the Y. P. A. Sunday evenings.

FROM THE COUNTY SEAT.

Judge Smith is suffering from a severe gathering in his head and will have to turn the business of his circuit over to some other judge until the trouble culminates and he recovers, which may be some little time. He adjourned court at Charlotte and came to his home in this city last week Monday.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS—WARRANTY DEEDS.

Robert Nevlin and wife to G. H. Robinson and wife; par Nashville. \$1000 00
R. E. Combs and wife to D. Striker; par sec 17, Thornapple. 900 55
Lydia D. Hoover to George Austin; par sec 23, Castleton. 200 00
Dan'l Striker and wife to Jacob Schondelmayer; par sec 17, Thornapple. 683 63
G. P. Coon and wife to E. A. Murdock; par sec 18, Orangeville. 100 00
Hannah Snyder to Wm. Nash; par sec 21, Carlton. 25 00
Jordan Campbell to J. E. Gulies; par sec 2, Hastings. 700 00

QUIT CLAIMS.

Mary Hartman to J. R. Carpenter; par sec 21, Carlton. 1 00
Ebenezer Garrett and wife to Tuttle E. Garrett; par sec 28, Thornapple. 1300 00
Maggie Hamilton to Adam Smith; par sec 11, Hastings. 337 01
Rosetta Harper to Henry Damouth; par sec 10, Thornapple. 1500 00
Henry Damouth and wife to Rosetta A. Harper; par sec 16, Thornapple. 1500 00

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Name and Residence.	Age.
Stewart Gaylord, Defiance, Ohio; Effie M. Stewart, Thornapple.	52—25
Fred A. Stowell, Hastings; Dora A. Poff, Rutland.	24—20
Arthur Brandt, Assyria; Carrie Hyland, same.	22—18
Archie Mead, Rutland; Mae Smith, same.	20—20
W. J. Baril, Woodbury; Emma Hitt, Woodland.	42—33
W. L. Chase, Coats Grove; Mable J. Wilcox, Irving.	25—23
Augustus Peake, Hope; Mary Anders, same.	22—20
W. H. Case, Assyria; Alvina Griswold, same.	23—20

NORTH ORANGEVILLE.

Robert McKibbin bought hogs of Jno. Carter last week.

Miss Pierce will commence school in district No. 1, Orangeville, next Monday.

day. Remember, we get good teachers from Cloverdale and Shultz way.

Josh Cappon and Tom Coleman have been pulling turnips for Mr. Ford.

A dance at Harvey Count's in the near future.

Wm. Powers and friend, Mr. Gould, of the county seat are out on a hunting expedition.

George Tidd will work for Mr. W. Brook the coming winter.

Ernie Scribner and best lady called on the former's parents last Sunday.

Miss Cora Young is very sick with heart trouble.

Harvey Count sold three loads of rye at Hastings last Saturday.

Frozen wheeling is O. K. on the sand.

David Townsend claims to have raised a winter radish which weighs 14 lbs. Well done, David.

Ed O'Connor is breaking a heavy pair of colts.

MIDDLEVILLE MARKETS.

Wheat (white).....	88
Rye	40
Corn, per bu.....	30
Oats	20
Timothy.....	1 75
Clover Seed.....	5 00
Flour (roller).....	3 00
Bran per ton	10 00
Middlings.....	12 00
Butter (creamery).....	22
Butter (dairy).....	15
Eggs	18 18
Potatoes.....	35 40
Spring Chickens (live).....	5
Spring Chickens (dressed).....	6 1/2
Fowls (live)	4
Fowls (dressed).....	6
Beef (dressed).....	4 1/2 5 1/2
Veal	5 7
Veal calves (live).....	3 1/2 4 1/2
Hogs (dressed).....	3 70 4 00
Hogs (live).....	2 70 3 00
Lard	6
Tallow.....	2 1/2
Hides.....	6 7
Pelts	15 30
Hay (timothy).....	6 00 7 00
Hay (clover).....	5 00 5 50
Wood (dry Beach & Maple)	1 25 1 50
Oil (retail).....	10 13
Gasoline.....	10
Salt.....	1 00
Lime per bbl.....	80

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